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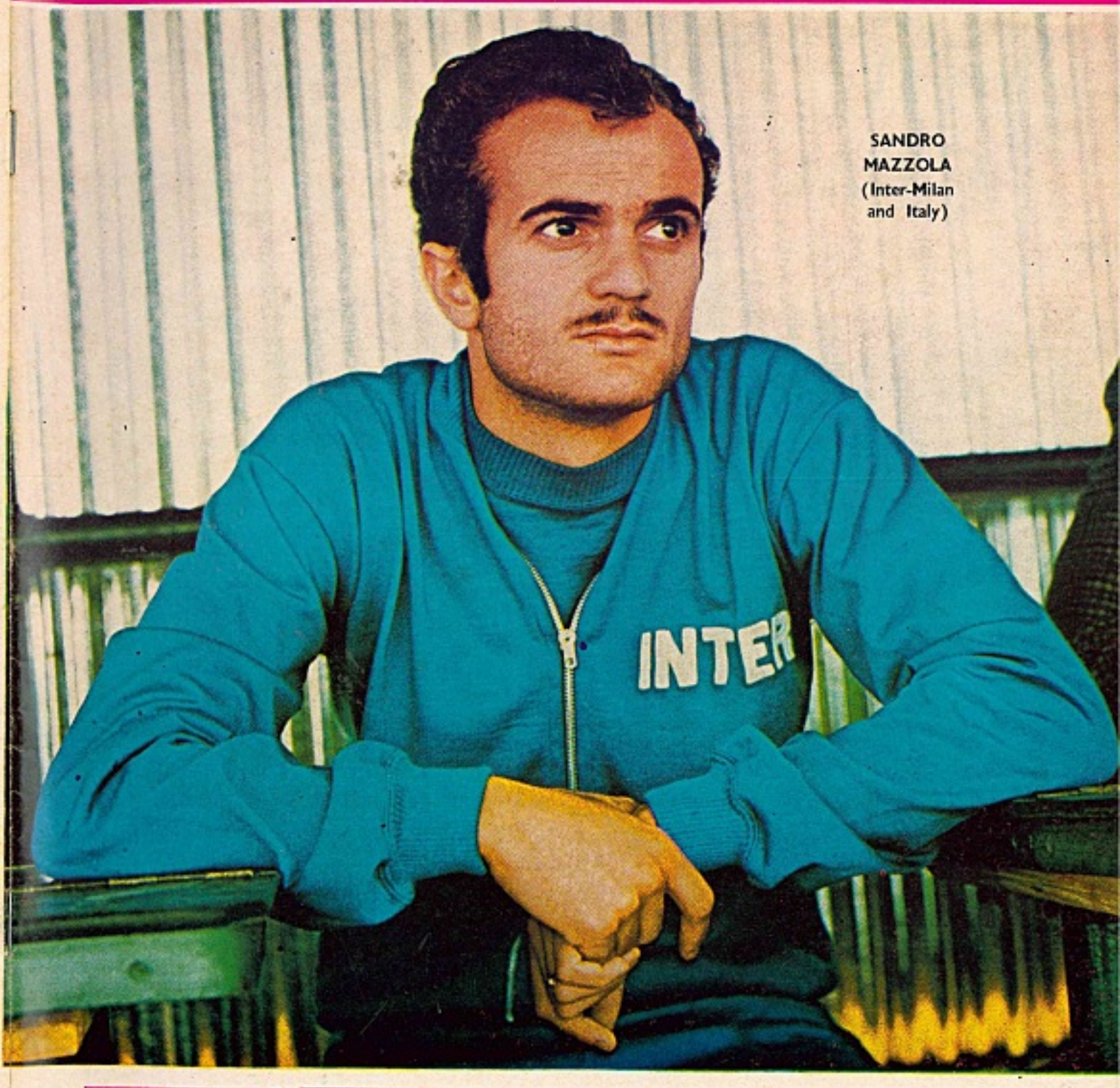


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# WORLD IN ACTION

One of the players Manchester United will have to watch closely when they meet Rapid Vienna in the European Cup this month is Bjorn Bjerregaard. Aged 24 years, Bjerregaard hails from Denmark and is a highly rated centre-forward. (UPI)

Whose legs are missing, as three players tangle in the Milan-Turin encounter? League champions Milan won 1-0. Turin goalkeeper Vieri fists out the ball as white shirted Milan half-back Maldera gets caught between him and a Turin defender. (UPI)

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Subject of this month's front cover is Sandro Mazzola, an experienced Italian international and centre-forward of Inter-Milan. His father, also a famous footballer, was one of those killed in the Superga air disaster of 1949 when returning from a match against Benfica. Mazzola Snr. played for Torino. (Met)

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# Near post, far post, or . . .

Geoff Hurst fails to connect with this cross to the near post during West Ham's match against Leeds United this season. Gary Sprake safely gathers the ball. (UPI)

**ONE of the most discussed techniques of the game has been the manner in which West Ham players Moore, Hurst and Peters have developed an apparently telepathic understanding in their use of the high cross. In interviews, Bobby Moore has often described this understanding as simple. "Geoff Hurst knows where I will put the ball—and I know where he wants it."**

Like most of the simple things the players do at West Ham, this technique remained a comparative secret for three or four years after they first began to exploit the apparent *space* at the near post. It remained a secret because most of the experts were seeking a complicated explanation but not long ago in a ten-second "interview" on BBC television Ron Greenwood gave it away.

After viewers had seen Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters each take a magnificent goal from Manchester City—both headers at the near post—Ron Greenwood was asked how it is done.

"We just play the ball in short," said Mr. Greenwood. That ended the interview and for those who were listening it also brought the near-post secret out into the open.

It's a far cry from the pre-war centre superbly floated by Stanley Matthews and a host of lesser skilled wingers who tried to emulate him. Dropping back down the touch-line towards his own goal, Matthews attempted to pick the ball up in space before jinking his way past a string of defenders. At or near the corner flag, Matthews crossed the ball into the goalmouth and there were Tom Lawton

# Pop the ball into space?

(for England), Freddy Steele (for Stoke City) and Stan Mortensen (for Blackpool) climbing to nod the ball into goal.

Looking back with hindsight, the most surprising thing of all is the fact that the Matthews cross brought goals. Modern defences are practically immune to the kind of centre which Matthews specialised in but his success was probably due to two major factors:

1. *So many defenders were drawn across to reinforce the left flank—five or six players often presenting an unavailing challenge to the master, and too few defenders were left to cover the goalmouth.*

2. *Lawton's ability to climb for the ball in the air, combined with his finely developed sense of timing.*

Timing his approach to the point where he would head the ball Lawton, like Hurst, Peters and all the outstanding headers of a ball, was on the move as he met the ball. This was no secret and all the good headers of the ball had this in common. Hovering on the edge of the penalty area as the pass was made; sprinting to meet the ball and jumping with a single foot take-off enabled the good player to climb higher than an opponent who positioned himself underneath the ball and jumped from a standing position with a two-footed take-off.

When Billy Wright of Wolves (105 caps and all that) made the switch from wing-half to centre-half he adopted one of the longest run-ups I've ever seen. Facing a corner-kick—which in those days was invariably aimed at the penalty spot—Wright positioned himself off the pitch beyond the six-yard line on the opposite side of the goal. Being considerably shorter than the majority of centre-halves, Wright thus made a tremendously long approach run to the ball.

Despite the obvious advantages of a lengthy approach at speed combined with a single-foot take-off, too many players stood waiting for the ball to come to them. Amateurs and the many professionals who played like amateurs, chose the far post as the most likely spot to get their headers in.

The far post was selected because this, it was thought, was where the goalkeeper and his extra long reach was to be at the least advantage. With a winger closing in on goal, the 'keeper could not afford to leave his goal exposed to the shot aimed at the near post. He could not therefore join the crowd of defenders and attackers who gathered at the far post to fight for the ball when it arrived. The goalkeeper had to wait until the danger of the shot to the near post had passed. Positioning himself around the middle of the goal, the 'keeper had to wait until the cross had been made and then do his best to intercept the ball. Like everyone else he was able to go forward faster than he could scramble backwards, so that the ball to the far post (after persuading him forward by threatening to shoot at the near post) caught the goalkeeper at a disadvantage.

The high centre aimed at the far post must have been tremendously productive at some time. For many years everyone believed that the centre to the far post was the deadliest weapon in football, and with a winger away in possession spectators and colleagues alike would shout advice. "Far post," they cried, and if the winger hung on too long before releasing the ball anything up to 14 players could assemble there to push and shove and hold each others shorts.

The best of the goalkeepers were seldom beaten there, for this was their bread and butter. But still the conviction remained that the high cross to the far post was the most productive ball to play—probably because Lawton and those most like him so often scored with headers from that area.

Because there was no understanding between winger and centre-forward every centre had to be fought for and the victors in this particular facet of the game were those best equipped to fight—the biggest and strongest, the best jumpers and, above all, those who timed their approach to the ball so that they could take off from one foot while on the run. This was the advantage gained by all the spearheads who went to meet the ball!,

# 'There's no argument at all about which is the easiest ball for the front player . . .'

*by* ***ERIC BATTY***

**The conviction that defences were most vulnerable at the far post lasted for many years until in the 'sixties West Ham began to score goals at the near post. This phenomena first began to attract attention around 1964 and in the following two years Byrne and Hurst (and later Peters) scored so many fine goals at the near post that almost everyone in the country must have wondered how they did it.**

At first it seemed conceivable that defenders' thoughts were so dominated by fears of the cross to the far post that, through neglect, an inherent weakness had developed which West Ham were now exposing. Observation confirmed that the West Ham players were in fact on the move in the moments before they got their headers in. Like Lawton before them, they were moving to the ball, but this was only half of the big mystery. The other half lay in the type of passes they received and was explained by Ron Greenwood on TV.

## MEET THE BALL

*The ball is played in short, so that the front man can come off his opponent late and meet the ball in space.*

I am surely not giving anything away for Mr. Greenwood would not have said what he did on television if it was to remain a secret. Indeed, not long ago he told me that when everyone began to copy what you were doing it was necessary to be ready with something new. Not quite everyone is copying West Ham but a great many teams are trying to do so and the most successful are probably Everton. At Upton Park early this season Everton produced an exact replica of a West Ham near-post goal and later, in a BBC Match of the Day at Leeds, Royle made a fine run from left to right to score with just the slightest touch to a ball played in to the near post.

We should now consider more fully the position of a striker who attempts to win the ball in the air and turn it into the enemy goal. Standing close to the penalty spot, for example, he is certainly going to be tightly marked so that he will have to "fight" for any ball played directly to him. Defenders being what they are, he is also very likely to be held, or pushed, or nudged and maybe even kicked.

RON GREENWOOD. (A)

In any duel for a *fight ball*, all the advantages lie with the defender and if the striker is to move to meet the ball (and get away from his tight-marking opponent) the ball must be played into one of the spaces around him. Analysing these spaces we find that:

(1) The ball played into space beyond the striker will force him to shuffle backwards in order to get underneath the ball. Moving backwards it is practically impossible to get off the ground.

(2) The ball played into space between the striker and the goal will be a 50-50 *fight ball* with the goalkeeper who has the definite advantage because he can use his hands and reach the ball higher (and earlier).

(3) The ball played into space away from goal will necessitate running from the penalty spot towards his own goal and then turning in the air—head the ball back towards the goal. This is never an easy thing to do and even if it can be accomplished the header will lack both accuracy and power.

(4) The ball into space between the striker and the player delivering the pass will enable him to go to meet the ball (and get away from his immediate opponent), jump high from a one-foot take-off on the run and, using his momentum to gain extra power, also enable him to hit the ball hard with his head.

## EASIEST BALL

There's no argument at all about which is the easiest ball for the front player. As the pass is about to be made, he comes off his opponent, going into the space in front of him to meet the ball and if the ball comes just right then the rest is relatively easy. The essential difference between Lawton and Hurst lies not in their individual abilities but in the quality of the service they receive from their colleagues. Lawton was offered fight balls for which he fought and very often won. Hurst gets balls played into space short of him, and coming away from his opponent he makes it look so simple that many people—especially goalkeepers—become convinced that the defenders have made a mistake.

West German 'keeper Tilkowski gave his colleagues a terrible lashing when they *allowed* Hurst to score the equaliser against him in the 1966 World Cup Final. Waving and gesticulating, he was clearly demanding to know how they could let an opponent get in there free and unmarked. In fact there was very little that any of the German defenders could have done about it. As Moore has said about that kind of situation and the "telepathic understanding" he has with Hurst—I know where he wants it, and he knows I'll put it there. Where? In the space in front (short) of him.

Earlier, in the same World Cup series, Hurst had scored a magnificent goal against Argentina, which brings out another important point. The goalkeeper will generally position himself closer to the far post unless a near post shot is likely. He will do this because, like all other players, he finds it easier to go forward to meet the ball than it is to go backwards. With the ball played in short of the striker, in this case into the space opposite the near post the 'keeper now has to re-position himself to meet the threatened header and with the ball on its way the 'keeper moves—not exactly to the near post but certainly towards it.

This being so, the most difficult header for the 'keeper to reach will be the one so placed that he will have to stop, turn and go back if he is to reach the ball, i.e., the header to the far post. Moving to meet the ball, Hurst timed his jump to perfection and, turning in the air, he sent a glancing header to the far post that left Antonio Roma flat-footed and helpless.

There's nothing really new in any of this, for it has been said for years that the difference between amateur and professional players is that the pro's go to meet the ball. What was new was the vital touch of getting the player in possession to realise that the playable ball was the one dropped short and getting him to play it there.

All this is equally true at the far post or anywhere else for that matter. If a pass is made up to a player, that is to say where the recipient is now, then every ball must be fought for. Worse than that, any fight ball played up to a man who is tightly marked by one of the nasty people can be transformed into a hospital ball.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE

**Understanding all this calls for an important change in coaching techniques for even with schoolboys, simple practices like heading and shooting must be adapted. In the past, balls would be served to a player for heading practice but now we must throw the ball short of him in order to make him come to meet the ball. It follows, too, that the ball will need to be pitched higher to give him time *to come off* but that's another matter.**

# FERENCVAROS ANNEX TITLE

## from LESLIE VERNON

**FERENCVAROS are the champions of Hungary! They made sure of the title in the very last match of the season, when they defeated Gyor 3-2 away, after trailing 0-1 for over half an hour, and the winning goal came as late as in the 72nd minute.**

The veteran Dr. Fenyvesi took the ball down on the left flank, pinpointed his cross to Florian Albert's head and the centre-forward beat the goalkeeper with his customary nonchalance. This is the green-and-whites' 21st league triumph—easily a Hungarian record.

Although they had to win their remaining two matches to keep their slender one-point lead over Ujpesti Dozsa, the decisive match of the season was played in the 28th "round" between the champions and Vasas. Only 15,000 people bothered to see the game at the Nepstadium, which was obviously well below the expected minimum of 40,000.

Once again, Ferencvaros conceded the first goal, scored by Muller after some truly brilliant work by Farkas. Szucs converted a Szoke pass just before the break, and Branikovits scored the winner in the second half, capitalising on a dreadful mistake by Vasas goalkeeper Varga.

"Fradi" deservedly won the title, although their superiority was less marked than during the previous year when they practically outclassed the rest of the field. This year, they started off badly, had a below-average spring campaign, and there were signs of "personality clashes" in their teamwork.

Following the short summer break, there was a new-found zest in their play, and the "Varga incident" seemed to have united the players into a determined "we shall show him" mood. Albert played a major part in the team's revival; he inspired the players around him, urging and encouraging them to greater efforts. His former irritating "big-headed" behaviour, derisive gestures and "shoulder-shrugging" at his own team-mates have now completely disappeared.

This great footballer has at last discovered the fundamental truth that football is a team game and that his own personality and ambitions should be utilised only in the best interests of his club.

Team manager Dr. Karoly Lakat also had a lion's share in the triumph. Now, with two Olympic victories, a championship double and a Fairs Cup Final place under his belt, this likeable roly-poly coach has made himself the No. 1 football tactician of Hungary.

The Ferencvaros defence were beaten only 24 times during the 30 matches. The classy Novak, the towering Pancsics and the iron-hard Szucs were the stars of the rearguard.

Runners-up Ujpesti Dozsa also deserve praise for an excellent year of league football. They, like Ferencvaros, finished the autumn half unbeaten, and their goalscoring exploits proved that even modern defences can be beaten with imaginative, forceful forward play. Under Lajos Baroti's management, the lilac-and-whites were determined to score as many goals as possible.

While the other big guns (Ferencvaros and Vasas) were content to coast home after hitting a couple of goals, Ujpesti were eager to hammer home their supremacy. This refreshingly adventurous policy resulted in 102 league goals, the highest total since 1949 (Ferencvaros—140!). Even the great Honved team during the Puskas-Kocsis era never scored more than 100 goals in a season (1954).

Vasas faded out of the picture midway through the autumn campaign, and Janos Farkas had a particularly disappointing year. Due to injuries to other players, he has been used as a midfield man one week and as a striker the next, and this constant changing of duties has had an unsettling effect on his form.

These are only the first two moves in the annual chess-game of managerial changes; many others will follow.

Dr. Mate Fenyvesi, the popular footballer-vet, announced his retirement from the game, after collecting the gold medal for the championship. A nice way to go—for a man who played for his country 77 times. The 36-year-old Fenyvesi will now be in charge of one of the "Fradi" youth teams. The Doc has gone, but the greying Sandor Matrai has decided not to hang up his boots yet. Matrai, now an Egyetertes player, scored (!) his team's winning goal against Szeged during the last match, and feels fit enough for at least two more seasons.

The attendances were dismally low during the entire year. The reasons for this disenchantment with the game are too numerous to mention, but the meagre total of 690 goals during the 240 matches for an average of 2.87 per match might be one of the explanations. This line of argument is emphasised by the fact that there was only one team which could boast increased attendances . . . yes, you have guessed — Ujpesti Dozsa! The Player of the Year is the almost unanimously elected Lajos Szucs.

The Team of the Year, selected by journalists, will give an indication of the players in form: Fater; Novak, Szucs, Pancsics, Solymosi; Nosco, Gorocs; Fazekas, Bene, Albert, Farkas.

**Next season's European representatives:**

Champions Cup: Ferencvaros.

Cup-Winners: MTK.

Fairs Cup: Ujpesti Dozsa, Vasas.

Ferencvaros (65 goals): Albert 19, Varga 12, Novak 11, Branikovits 6, Szucs 5, Rakosi 4, Juhasz 3, Fenyvesi 2, Karaba 1, Katona 1, own goal 1.

Ujpesti Dozsa (102 goals): A. Dunai 31, Bene 22, Fazekas 19, Gorocs 8, Solymosi 7, Nagy 4, Dunai III 4, Zambo 3, Kuharszki 1, Juhasz 1, Nosko 1, own goal 1.

**Top scorers**

King of Goals, Antal Dunai, 31, Ferenc Bene 22, Florian Albert 19, Laszlo Fazekas 19, Janos Farkas 19.

**FINAL LEAGUE TABLE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ferencvaros | 30 | 21 | 7 | 2 | 65 | 26 | 49 |
| Ujpesti Dozsa | 30 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 102 | 27 | 48 |
| Vasas | 30 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 66 | 37 | 42 |
| Honved | 30 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 50 | 30 | 38 |
| Csepel | 30 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 35 | 29 | 34 |
| Pecs | 30 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 34 | 40 | 28 |
| Tatabanya | 30 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 31 | 38 | 28 |
| Dunaujvaros | 30 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 34 | 45 | 27 |
| Egyetertes | 30 | 7 | 12 | 11 | 34 | 42 | 26 |
| Szombathely | 30 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 36 | 45 | 26 |
| M.T.K. | 30 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 35 | 40 | 25 |
| Salgotarjan | 30 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 41 | 55 | 25 |
| Diosgyor | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 36 | 56 | 24 |
| Gyor | 30 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 37 | 48 | 23 |
| Videoton | 30 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 28 | 57 | 21 |
| Szeged | 30 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 26 | 75 | 16 |

DR. FENYVESI. (Met)

# ON REFLECTION BY DAVID MILLER

**BY arrangement with the Editor, I delayed writing this month until after the third round of the FA Cup, with the intention of discussing the Arsenal revival, and now find myself having to post this to the printer with the replay at Highbury still to be played. Yet in many ways the fact that this replay is necessary at all says much about the new Arsenal, and indeed about the whole attitude of football at the top these days. Arsenal went to Ninian Park excessively burdened with caution against opponents who should have been comfortably defeated at the first attempt. But safety first is the rule and Arsenal duly determined to give nothing away, however much their opponents may have been incapable of taking any slight scope offered them. Here was not so much a football match as an exercise in efficiency, and in the long run this cannot benefit football as a spectacle.**

## Interesting to know

I suppose this argument on attitude can never be resolved. For instance, Arsenal's own chairman, Dennis Hill Wood, used to say that he would rather Arsenal lost 4-5 in an entertaining match than won a drab one 1-0. The club to some extent followed this policy under Billy Wright, but permanent success eluded them. Now comes Bertie Mee, and sets about perfecting the tactics of the single-goal victory, the theory being that if, like Internazionale, you never concede a goal, then one scored will be enough to win. It would be interesting to know which path Mr. Hill Wood prefers now that the club has seen both in operation.

To be fair to Bertie Mee, he admits that Arsenal are not everyone's dream of the ideal football team, and argues, reasonably, that before a team can begin to entertain it must get results, otherwise there is no real foundation for success. He is right; and it is also true, more so today than ever before, that to succeed you must first establish a sound defence. This Arsenal have done to an outstanding degree, with Storey, Ure, Simpson and McNab now as formidable a quartet as those of Liverpool and Everton. Yet in terms of being a great team Arsenal are still a long way from completion, and I was disappointed that they were so lacking in ambition at Ninian Park, when by now they have the confidence and experience to be more adventurous without fear.

For if our successful teams are not adventurous, even against second-rate opposition—with respect to Cardiff—then what chance is there that the game will retain its appeal? To carry functionalism to the lengths Arsenal did at Ninian Park—with Graham, one of their most articulate and gifted players confined to a defensive midfield role—is to diminish a great game.

## Exceptional talents

I would be the first to agree that Arsenal have made large strides, under Mee and his coach, Don Howe, towards regaining the club's former prestige, but there is still a lack of glamour. Thoughts of Arsenal today, for the neutral supporter, do not quicken the pulse. They have no players who are widely respected among the public, let alone among other players—the acid test—for possessing exceptional talents. The ultimate test of a team is not so much whether their supporters want to watch them as whether other clubs' supporters do, and this is a battle Arsenal have yet to win. Against Cardiff they lost friends rather than made them, with the uncompromising nature of some of their tackling, as unnecessary as it was excessive against Second Division opponents.

Arsenal manager Bertie Mee enjoys a cup of tea in his office at the plush Highbury Stadium. (A)

I don't know the state of Arsenal's bank balance but I feel that they must expect to spend for at least one more class forward before they hope to be regarded as one of the premier clubs in Europe, which I presume to be their ambition. To take their present strikers, Gould, Radford, Graham and Armstrong, there is nothing to cause fear in a reliable defence. The one quality which no opponents can wholly legislate for is Radford's ability in the air near goal, an ability which is responsible for much of Arsenal's progress this season. But that is all. Armstrong is the only one of the four with the skill to go round a waiting defender, and then only now and then. Graham has some fluent touches, but always looks as if he should be much better than he is, while Gould is no more than a very game terrier.

## Roughneck element

**Clearly, Arsenal's virtues are primarily defensive. They are to be complimented on again reaching the League Cup Final, but at the same time those of us present shudder to recall the semi-final second leg with Spurs, who were equally to blame in a match which was a disgrace to British soccer. Arsenal have this latent roughneck element which in the long run can do them no good, yet I think Bertie Mee is shrewd enough not to need to be reminded. His virtue is that having established a priority on efficiency, he has not lost sight of the ultimate objective—to win and entertain at the same time. He must not mind if, now that his team is winning, some of us are a little impatient for them really to begin to entertain.**

**THE MONTH'S GAMES**

Paramaribo: Surinam 6, Dutch Antilles 0—WC
San Jose: Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 1—WC
San Salvador: El Salvador 6, Surinam 0—WC
San Jose: Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0—WC
Dublin: Eire 1, Denmark 1—WC (abd)
Lagos: Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1—WC
Tegucigalpa: Honduras 3, Jamaica 1—WC
Port Louis: Mauritius 2, Zambia 3—ANC †
Tegucigalpa: Honduras 2, Jamaica 0—WC
Port-au-Prince: Haiti 2, Guatemala 0—WC
Athens: Greece 4, Portugal 2—WC
Nicosia: Cyprus 0, Scotland 5—WC
Istanbul: Turkey 0, N. Ireland 3—WC
London: England 1, Bulgaria 1
Madrid: Spain 1, Belgium 1—WC
San Salvador: El Salvador 1, Dutch Antilles 0
Rio de Janeiro: Brazil 2, W. Germany 2
Mar de la Plata: Argentina 1, Poland 0
Algiers: Algeria 2, France U-23 5
Santiago: Chile 2, West Germany 1
Rio de Janeiro: Brazil 3, Yugoslavia 3
Douala: Nigeria 3, Cameroons 2—WC
Mexico City: Mexico 0, West Germany 0
Mar de la Plata: Argentina 1, Yugoslavia 1
Tegucigalpa: Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0—WC
Tel Aviv: Israel 4, Rumania 5
Tunis: Tunisia 0, Algeria 0—WC
San Jose: Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1—WC
Tel Aviv: Israel 1, Rumania 0
Mexico City: Mexico 2, Italy 3

WC—World Cup ANC—African Nations Cup †—After extra time

# LUCKLESS ENGLAND!

**PORTUGAL, third in the 1966 World Cup, go down heavily to Greece in Athens; Belgium come closer to qualifying for 1970, in spite of stormy scenes in Madrid; an exhilarating win for Northern Ireland in Turkey, and a predictably unpredictable one for Scotland in Cyprus; the Africans and Central Americans plough on towards their precious places in the finals; two draws for Yugoslavia on tour; more frustration for Brazil, out of form, and for England, out of luck.**

## INTERNATIONAL POST MORTEM by Roger Macdonald

There was a full house in Athens for the visit of Portugal, and many of the 40,000 spectators queued for hours to make sure of getting in. Greece started nervously against what they must have regarded as highly exalted opponents, and Portugal scored a good goal after 18 minutes through Jose Augusto. But Greece fought back with rare courage and determination, and Portugal's defence seemed badly deployed. They had no advance information on the withdrawn centre-forward Sideris, who is so expert at the reverse pass on the run; the first one he tried was stopped by Americo full-length a few inches in front of Dedes; the second, in the 33rd minute, reached Papaioannou, who scored; the third, five minutes before half-time, gave Dedes a momentary chance which he converted brilliantly.

Portugal still looked capable of saving the game at this stage, for Eusebio—who had been ill the day before the match and far from certain to play—was giving Balopoulos a difficult time, twice beating him but losing his balance in the ankle-deep mud. However, the first Greek attack after the interval brought a corner-kick on the left, and Torres dutifully came back to help the defence. The ball came across from Dedes, swinging inwards, and Torres met it impeccably: unfortunately he headed the ball like a bullet past his own goalkeeper, Americo, who was beside himself with rage and frustration. Portugal gave up the ghost, Sideris crowned a brilliant display by scoring the fourth goal himself, and a delightful individual run by Eusebio for Portugal's second did nothing to subdue the jubilant Greeks.

All four teams are now level on points in Group One, and much depends on whether Rumania can succeed where Portugal failed, at Athens in March. They have been sharpened up by matches in Israel, even though these revealed disturbing defensive weaknesses. Rumania won the first 5-4, but lost the second 1-0, a goal from Israel's outside-left Reuven Young.

Belgium are now a long way clear in Group Six, where they have seven points from four games. They dropped their first point against Spain in front of 45,000 in Madrid, an ugly match that came close to being abandoned. Belgium fielded a seriously weakened team, lacking Van Himst, Plaskie, Heylens and Puis; in fact Anderlecht were prevailed upon to release yet another player, their centre-half Peters, at the last moment, and it was almost their reserve side that lost 1-0 at Malines in a league match on the day of the international.

Belgium looked like doing better in Madrid, for Devrindt scored with a snap shot after only two minutes, and Spain struggled in vain for an equaliser. But a quarter of an hour from the end Garate scored a simple goal, simple because firstly the Belgians were sure he was offside, and secondly because he appeared to control the ball with his hand. But the Portuguese referee, Salvador Garcia, awarded a goal, then fought his way clear of a group of protesting players until he was stopped in his tracks by the substantial bulk belonging to Pierre Hanon,

Geoff Hurst (10) turns away after scoring the England equaliser in their Wembley international against Bulgaria. Francis Lee (7) and Martin Peters acknowledge the goal while Colin Bell watches from a fallen position. (A)

Gordon West of Everton was not overworked in his first full international appearance but here he saves from a Bulgarian forward. (UPI)

Belgium's captain. Hanon protested so vehemently that Garcia sent him off, and just as Real Madrid's Pirri — who speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese—was trying to interpret, the referee summoned a posse of police. Hanon was removed bodily from the pitch, and the game continued with ten Belgians against 11 Spaniards. There was no further score, but a series of desperate scrambles around the Belgian goal, and only a great save by Trappeniers prevented Pirri from scoring.

On the same day, on the other side of Europe, Scotland surprised even themselves by winning 5-0 in Cyprus, where West Germany had scored but a single goal in the last minute of injury time a few weeks earlier. Cyprus, though, were not a team to come from behind, and when the Scots scored after only 2½ minutes, Gilzean from Cooke's fine pass, the match — as a match — was over. The undulations of the pitch did not trouble Scotland, who sensibly ran into the open spaces and did not attempt tight movements or the close control that was almost the Germans' undoing. Murdoch scored a second goal with a shot of high velocity that astonished Alkiviades, Gilzean got the third, and Stein was credited with the others. His first bounced into the net from the outstretched boot of Koureas, and his second hit both Panayiotu and Alkiviades before crossing the line. The weather changed abruptly at half-time, bright sunshine giving way to drizzle, and Scotland ceasted through the second half. Cyprus, of course, were a poor team—but to beat any international side by five clear goals on their own pitch is no mean performance.

Fine as it was, Scotland's display could not compare with Northern Ireland's magnificent victory in Turkey. They were helped, it is true, by the conditions—the pitch was so wet at Istanbul that for a time it looked as if the match might have to be switched to Ankara in central Turkey—but only in the first few minutes did the Turks seem likely to win. They were stopped in their tracks by a breakaway goal from Harkin in the 36th minute following a cross by Craig, then another from Stewart on the hour, made by the indefatigable Dougan.

## Silence

**Still on this busy Wednesday, England took on Bulgaria at Wembley badly needing a victory to silence the critics. With Lee, the Manchester City winger, showing delightful, positive control on the right, Bulgaria's flanks were constantly turned; and Bobby Charlton produced four searing thunderbolts, each of which was worth a goal. That England scored only once, an equaliser from Hurst after three shots had been blocked on the Bulgarian line, was due predominantly to the brilliance of Simeonov: the saves he made from Charlton had to be seen to be believed.**

England's approach work, and the number of clear chances they created, gave great cause for satisfaction; but it is goals that count, and no one in the England side could have matched the individual genius of Asparoukhov, who beat Labone twice and Newton in a memorable scoring run from the halfway line.

Europe has also been on tour, with West Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Italy travelling to South America. For Brazil, neither the game with the Germans nor that with the Slavs gave much cause for satisfaction. Only 51,000 went through the Maracana turnstiles to see them take a 2-0 lead against West Germany, both goals scored by Edu after some brilliant work by Pelé. But Brazil faded badly in the second half, Held reduced the lead and Gerwien equalised 16 minutes from time.

West Germany moved on to Mexico City, where they secured another draw, in spite of tiring dramatically in the second half, when Mexico should have scored at least three goals. Only Beckenbauer lasted the pace, and with most of the play around the German goal, Mota had but two shots to save in 90 minutes' football.

After this escape Schoen was confident of taking his team home unbeaten, but they lost a violent, uninspired match against Chile in Santiago. West Germany took the lead after only eight minutes through Ulsass when the Valparaiso goalkeeper, Juan Olivares, dropped the ball almost at his feet; and for an hour it looked as if Chile would pay dearly for his mistake. But a free-kick, awarded when Araya simply fell over Gerwien's foot, was turned into a goal because Wolter failed to intercept a harmless cross to Araya's head. Then, with nine minutes left, Overath passed to Lorenz on the halfway line; the ball hit a bump and went over his left boot, leaving Fouilloux a clear run for goal with Bella and Schulz standing too square.

Meanwhile Yugoslavia achieved another draw against Brazil in Rio, this time 3-3 in front of some 60,000. They scored first through Spasovski, but Carlos Alberto equalised with a penalty close to half-time. Yugoslavia were encouraged by a great goal from Djajic, shot with immense force from 25 yards; but Brazil revealed their true potential by scoring twice in seven minutes, through Pelé and Vava. Yugoslavia's third goal came from Bukal 11 minutes from the end, with Brazil once again showing signs of fatigue.

Yugoslavia also took on Atletico Mineiro at Belo Horizonte, losing 3-2 to a hotly disputed second-half goal before travelling to Argentina. Here, at Mar de la Plata, Djajic got another fine goal and an experimental Argentine side were fortunate to scramble a draw.

Poland played only one full international during this period, also against Argentina, who won with a first-half penalty from Savoy. Again it should be emphasised that Argentina were not fielding their best team, but against this, Poland lacked Kostka and Lubanski. Kostka played brilliantly in a triangular tournament at Santiago, where Poland beat Colo Colo 2-1 and Universidad by the only goal.

Mexico's optimism about their World Cup prospects seemed a little less well-founded when they lost the first international of the New Year against Italy. The Mexicans led 1-0 at half-time, a goal from Borja in the 43rd minute; but Italy retaliated quickly with fine shots from Riva and Anastasi, before Gonzalez put Mexico on level terms. The game seemed certain to end in a draw until Riva ran through in the last 90 seconds to win the match.

With Mexico the host nation, Central America are of course sure to provide a second qualifier for the first time. The United States are through to the semi-finals of Group 13, but Haiti have suffered two setbacks in their efforts to meet them there. The first was an unexpected 4-2 home defeat by Trini-

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**FOR the last 35 years the American Soccer League has meandered along in its own quiet way, playing games in the disinterested cities of the north-east seaboard of the United States before almost entirely ethnic audiences. However, as a result of occurrences this autumn all this may soon change.**

At a recent press conference the league's president, Charles A. Schiano, indicated that the league was planning to move into high gear, and was seeking to expand to new areas while trying to increase promotion through radio and television.

In the past the ASL has been held back by some of its clubs and by its ethnic connotations, but Mr. Schiano indicated that if things go according to plan this would not be the case in the future.

"The deadwood, that is those teams which cannot function on a professional level, or do not strive to maintain a high calibre of play will be eliminated from the membership," he said.

In taking the decision to expand and put the ASL on a sounder and more professional basis the problems that the NASL were having were obviously taken into account, with the idea that the east coast league should take over in that area where the coast to coast league had left off.

Already the expansion committee has been hard at work and Syracuse in upper New York State has been accepted as a new member for next season, while a team from Montreal has forwarded a letter of intent.

In addition to this, enquiries have been received or made from Toronto, Cleveland, Baltimore, Atlanta, Detroit and Buffalo. What shape the ASL finally takes is likely to depend to a certain degree on the future plans of the NASL.

Leading the way in plans for the expansion and for the establishment of the league on a more realistic basis are the Washington Darts, a club who in the short space of four years have come from the Second Division of the Washington Amateur League to become champions of the ASL this season.

In their rapid rise to prominence the Darts have done just about everything in the right manner and illustrated just what can be done with soccer in North America when the game is placed in the hands of the right people.

The Washington club was formed in November of 1963 by their present general manager, Norm Sutherland, and after four seasons in the Washington Amateur League, during which they alternated between the First and Second Divisions, they joined the American Soccer League in 1967.

Everald Cummings of the Washington Darts during a match at the Woodrow Wilson Stadium. (Clark)

# from COLIN JOSE

At this time they were known as Washington Britannica and during their last season as an amateur club won the Washington league championship, the Maryland Open Cup, the Virginia Cup and reached the eastern final of the US Amateur Cup, where they were beaten 4-3 by Hartford, the eventual winners of the competition.

In the middle of this season Britannica became a corporation and sold shares, but in July they were bought out by seven distinguished Washington businessmen, and the original shareholders received double their money back. Their total record as an amateur club reads: played 71, won 35, tied 10 and lost 26.

Backed by their new owners, Britannica applied for membership in the ASL and were accepted. Norm Sutherland, a Scotsman from Edinburgh with a strong soccer background, was retained as general manager, and it is to him that the club owes much of its success.

*Realising that although they had a good amateur team it would not be good enough for professional soccer, Britannica engaged Charlie Fleming, the ex-East Fife and Sunderland player, as their coach, and also signed Mike Payne from Cowdenbeath, Billy Fraser from Hearts and Ray Lodge from Newcastle United to strengthen the team.*

Despite this their start was less than impressive and they were winless after their first six games, of which four were lost. At this point Fleming was fired and Payne and Lodge released, but Fraser was retained and ended the season as the club's leading goal-scorer with seven to his credit.

### Agreement

At this point the club signed an agreement with the Atlanta Chiefs of the then NPSL and received seven players on loan; amongst them Vic Rouse, Ron Newman, Peter McParland and Ray Bloomfield. They won their next six games and eventually finished second to the Philadelphia National Ukrainians with a record of seven wins, two draws and six losses.

In January of 1968 Britannica took another step in the right direction when they decided that if soccer's ethnic image was to be forgotten then all references to nationality in club titles should be dropped. Therefore at the proposal of club director John Kauffman the name "Darts" was substituted for that of Britannica.

March saw the signing of another agreement with the Atlanta Chiefs, this time covering a three-year period and involving exchange of players, scouting and soccer promotion. Once again it was to prove invaluable to the Darts, as with the aid of players from the NASL club they captured the ASL championship with the remarkable record of ten wins, one draw and just one defeat. They scored 33 goals and conceded just five.

In the game which clinched the title for them they defeated the Philadelphia National Ukrainians 1-0 in Washington before a crowd of 2,656 on a cold and wet Sunday with a goal by centre-forward Jerry

Browne in the 65th minute after Bernard Grell had made a fine move down the left wing. The teams on this occasion were:

**Washington Darts:** Phillips; Roland Crispin, Evans, Martinez, Tejada; Gamalgo, Papadakis, Grell; Hansen, Browne, Cortez.

**Philadelphia:** Tarnawsky; Giacovino, Carranza, Luna, Watson; Pasache, Pedra; Lytwiniuk (Narodowsky), Paletta, Pesa (Meehl), Wagner.

# STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

### *Downtown*

Unlike Washington's other soccer club, the Whips, the Darts have not done everything on a grand scale, and run into trouble before they started. Whereas the Whips had an office in the downtown area of the city and employed 12 people full time, the Darts are run solely by Norm Sutherland.

In order to rent DC Stadium in Washington, which has a capacity of 45,016, it cost the Whips over 100,000 dollars, while the Darts played at the Woodrow Wilson High School stadium in the north-west sector of the city, which has a capacity of just 4,000 and a low rental.

Neither did the Darts employ an expensive coach but instead signed Lincoln Phillips as a player-coach. Phillips, who hails from Trinidad, had previously coached the Trinidad Army Regiment team in that country's First Division, leading them to the championship in the last four years. To this he can now add the championship of the ASL.

Where the Darts have gained mostly is that they have placed their faith in one man, a man who knows the game inside out. The directors of the club were wise enough to know that they as Americans did not know enough about the game and its operation to try and run it themselves as the NASL clubs were trying to do, and therefore they handed the reins to Norm Sutherland and gave him their backing. The wisdom of this move speaks for itself.

### *Exhibition*

**Last year Sutherland was named "Manager of the Year" in the ASL and just recently almost succeeded in bringing one of the big Moscow clubs to North America for an exhibition tour. The Russians agreed, but the US State Department vetoed the idea as a result of the Czechoslovakian situation.**

The Darts have also instituted soccer clinics along much the same lines as the Atlanta Chiefs did, but on a smaller scale and they were an instant success.

Gate prices were also calculated to attract people and were just two dollars for adults, children 12–18 one dollar, and children under 12 were admitted free, something the NASL clubs were advised to do a long time ago by a good many people. Needless to say the advice went unheeded.

As yet the Washington Darts are only a small club in the overall scheme of things, but if they are joined in the new expansion by other clubs with a similarly ambitious outlook then they and the American Soccer League could go places.

In the months ahead it will be interesting to see what becomes of the ASL plans for already they have announced that they are switching their season from the autumn to a season that is likely to begin in the spring, break during the hot summer months and resume again in the autumn. Another step in the right direction.

**WASHINGTON DARTS — Players 1968**

| | Nation | Some previous clubs |
|---|---|---|
| Raymond Crispin | Haiti | Etoile Haitienne, Violette |
| Roland Crispin | Haiti | Etoile Haitienne, Violette |
| Romulo Cortez | Bolivia | Union Maestranza (La Paz), Bayern Munich |
| Karl Minor | Germany | West Ham, Baltimore Bays, Boston Beacons |
| Hector Martinez | Argentina | Velez Sarsfield, Argentinos Juniors, Atletico Madrid, Baltimore Bays |
| Guy Fraiture | Belgium | Herseal |
| Lincoln Phillips | Trinidad | Army Regiment, Baltimore Bays |
| Gaucho Tejada | Argentina | Banfield, River Plate, La Coruna, Baltimore Bays |
| *Nick Papadakis | Greece | Panathinaikos (amateur) |
| *Harold Hansen | Canada | Burnaby Villa |
| *Bernard Grell | Trinidad | Forest Reserve |
| *Willie Evans | Ghana | Hearts of Oak |
| Victor Gamaldo | Trinidad | Luton Town (Trinidad) |
| Roberto Zito | Brazil | Vasco da Gama |
| Aldo Zito | Brazil | Baltimore St. Gerard |
| Jerry Browne | Trinidad | Paragon |
| *Everald Cummings | Trinidad | Fatima College |

* On loan from the Atlanta Chiefs. Nation indicates place of birth.

Linda Keating, Miss Washington Darts, shows fine form during a Darts training session. The players are, left to right, Roland Crispin, Harold Hansen and Roberto Zito. (Clark)

**JANUARY**

Israel 0 Belgium 2

**FEBRUARY**

Israel 2 Switzerland 1
Cyprus 2 Switzerland 1
Israel 0 Sweden 3
Scotland 1 England 1
Wales 2 N. Ireland 0
Spain 3 Sweden 1

**MARCH**

Belgium 1 West Germany 3
Turkey 0 Tunisia 0

**APRIL**

England 1 Spain 0
France 1 Yugoslavia 1
Bulgaria 3 Italy 2
Holland 1 Belgium 2
Switzerland 0 West Germany 0
Italy 2 Bulgaria 0
Yugoslavia 5 France 1
Russia 1 Belgium 0
Poland 8 Turkey 0
Czechoslovakia 3 Yugoslavia 0

**MAY**

Austria 1 Rumania 1
Poland 0 Holland 0
Sweden 1 Spain 1
Hungary 2 Russia 0
Wales 1 West Germany 1
Spain 1 England 2
Russia 3 Hungary 0
Eire 2 Poland 2
Austria 7 Cyprus 1
England 3 Sweden 1
Mexico 2 Uruguay 2
Holland 0 Scotland 0

**JUNE**

West Germany 1 England 0
Finland 1 Denmark 3
Paraguay 0 Uruguay 0
Italy 0 Russia 0
Yugoslavia 1 England 0
Rumania 0 Holland 0
Argentina 2 Uruguay 0
England 2 Russia 0
Italy 1 Yugoslavia 1
Brazil 2 Uruguay 0
Norway 1 Poland 6
Italy 2 Yugoslavia 0
Brazil 4 Uruguay 0
Russia 3 Austria 1
West Germany 2 Brazil 1
Uruguay 2 Argentina 1
Finland 1 Belgium 2
Poland 3 Brazil 6
Czechoslovakia 3 Brazil 2
Denmark 5 Norway 1
Yugoslavia 0 Brazil 2
Sweden 2 Denmark 1
Portugal 0 Brazil 2

**JULY**

Mexico 0 Brazil 2
Mexico 2 Brazil 1
Peru 3 Brazil 4
Peru 0 Brazil 4
Iceland 0 Norway 4
Paraguay 0 Brazil 4

Francisco Gento of Spain.

**AUGUST**

Sweden 2 Russia 2
Brazil 4 Argentina 1
Brazil 3 Argentina 2
Norway 4 Finland 1
Peru 2 Argentina 2

**SEPTEMBER**

Holland 2 Luxembourg 0
Israel 2 N. Ireland 3
Finland 0 Sweden 3
Norway 1 Sweden 1
USA 3 Israel 3
Switzerland 1 Austria 0
Denmark 0 Czechoslovakia 3
France 1 West Germany 1
Yugoslavia 9 Finland 1
USA 0 Israel 4

**OCTOBER**

Rumania 1 Poland 0
Sweden 5 Norway 0
Belgium 6 Finland 1
Turkey 0 Bulgaria 2
Switzerland 1 Greece 0
Austria 0 West Germany 2
France 1 Spain 3
Poland 1 East Germany 1
Denmark 0 Scotland 1
Belgium 3 Yugoslavia 0
Czechoslovakia 1 Denmark 0
Wales 0 Italy 1
N. Ireland 4 Turkey 1
Chile 3 Mexico 1
Uruguay 0 Mexico 2
Portugal 3 Rumania 0
Bulgaria 2 Holland 0
Yugoslavia 0 Spain 0
Poland 1 Eire 0
Brazil 1 Mexico 2

**NOVEMBER**

Brazil 2 Mexico 1
Scotland 2 Austria 1
Brazil 2 FIFA XI 1
France 0 Norway 1
Rumania 0 England 0
Eire 2 Austria 2
Denmark 5 Luxembourg 1
Greece 4 Egypt 1
Cyprus 0 West Germany 1
Rumania 2 Switzerland 0
Argentina 4 Chile 0

**DECEMBER**

Chile 2 Argentina 1
Turkey 0 N. Ireland 3
Greece 4 Portugal 2
Spain 1 Belgium 1
Cyprus 0 Scotland 5
England 1 Bulgaria 1
Brazil 2 West Germany 2
Brazil 3 Yugoslavia 3
Argentina 1 Poland 0
Chile 2 West Germany 1
Argentina 1 Yugoslavia 1
Mexico 0 West Germany 0
Israel 4 Rumania 5

**NB.** Olympic Games matches, games between two non-European amateur countries and the abandoned game between Eire and Denmark have all been excluded.

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

| | P | W | D | L | Goals F | Goals A | % success |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Czechoslovakia | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 100 |
| Scotland | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 80 |
| N. Ireland | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 75 |
| Bulgaria | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 70 |
| Belgium | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 8 | 68.75 |
| W. Germany | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 68.18 |
| Italy | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 66.66 |
| Rumania | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 64.28 |
| Sweden | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 61.11 |
| England | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 61.11 |
| Russia | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 57.14 |
| Poland | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 50 |
| Spain | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 50 |
| Norway | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 50 |
| Yugoslavia | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 45.83 |
| Denmark | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 42.85 |
| Holland | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 41.66 |
| Israel | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 17 | 35.71 |
| Austria | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 28.57 |
| France | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | -11 | 20 |
| Turkey | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 10 |
| Finland | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 27 | 0 |
| **South America** | | | | | | | |
| Chile | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 75 |
| Brazil | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 51 | 25 | 73.68 |
| Mexico | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 50 |
| Argentina | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 44.44 |
| Uruguay | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 28.57 |
| Paraguay | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 25 |
| Peru | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 16.66 |

**NB.** In Europe teams which have not played a minimum of four matches have been ruled out as in past years. Countries thus affected include Hungary (two games), East Germany (one), Eire (three), Wales (three), Luxembourg (two), Portugal (three), Greece (three). In South America this minimum has never been observed for in years when the South American championship is not held and no European tours are undertaken this would often rule out everyone.

In compiling the tables above, two points have been awarded for a win and one for a draw. The total points gained compared with the number of points which could have been won is then expressed as a percentage. Where two or more teams have the same percentage success, goal average is referred to.

# Results not reliable . . .

**STRICTLY in terms of results Czechoslovakia and Scotland were the most successful international sides in 1968. The only European teams not to sustain even one defeat during the year it is nevertheless impossible to accept that they are as good as their results suggest. The Czechs with three home matches, two of which were against the Danish amateurs, beat Yugoslavia a few days after Osim and Co. had beaten France 5-1. The Yugoslavs wanted to postpone the match, which had been arranged months before the date of the Nations Cup game with France, and played only to be sociable. The Scots too benefited from meeting inferior opposition. Although playing three times outside Britain their opposition was provided by Cyprus, Denmark and Holland.**

The folly of accepting results as a reliable guide is clearly demonstrated by the high position of Northern Ireland, whose opponents were even more inferior than those met by Czechoslovakia and Scotland. During the year under review the Ulstermen met Turkey twice (see their record), Wales and Israel! Amongst the teams which played a fair number of matches with a high degree of success the record of West Germany stands out. In 11 matches against varied opposition and including three games in South America, the Germans were beaten only once. The lone defeat they suffered in Santiago was largely contributed to by one of the most bizarre refereeing decisions of the year. Leading 1-0 at the time the Germans had Gunter Netzer sent off after a quite ordinary foul on Chile's Araya which so incensed his colleague Reynoso that he stormed up to Netzer and punched him. Chilean referee Senor Robles solved the problem in the most diplomatic way possible, by sending off the German.

England team manager Sir Alf Ramsey.

Alan Mullery established himself in the England team during 1968. (Met)

## STRENGTH

The Yugoslavs were the only European team to play more matches than West Germany and while their overall figures are unimpressive they are at full strength amongst the best in the world. In the spring they surprised everyone by reaching the final of the European Nations Cup and were most unfortunate not to have beaten Italy. Their improvement under Rajko Mitic is not perhaps as remarkable as it may appear for they have for many years produced a broad selection of talented players, though many of them have been transferred abroad. Matching the Hungarians in terms of individual skill but superior in quantity, the Yugoslavs have very quicky improved their combativity since professionalism was introduced.

During the autumn the Yugoslavs were forced through injuries to field teams of only "B" strength and even in South America, where they drew with both Brazil and Argentina, they were only able to field half of their first choice team.

Poland are worth a mention after years of in and out form. They have the talent and the combativity required for success in the modern competitive game but poor selection and direction have retarded their progress in

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**by ERIC BATTY**

# SCOTS' VITAL DATE

## by JOHN STONE

ALAN GILZEAN. (LPA)

**CYPRUS 0, West Germany 1. Cyprus 0, Scotland 5. Two World Cup qualifying group results that suggest that Scotland's chances of reaching Mexico's last 16 in 1970 are brighter than West Germany's.**

With all due respect to Cyprus and the other side in the section, Austria, who have already been beaten by both the Germans in Austria and by Scotland at Hampden, the group has become a two-horse race.

The match that matters comes up on April 16, when Hampden should have a capacity crowd to see if the Scots can maintain their proud record of never having been beaten by West Germany in an international match.

This is a game Scotland MUST win. If they don't, they can almost certainly say farewell to Mexico.

It is an intriguing contest, particularly now as the Germans have shown proof of their improvement since the Cyprus match by holding Brazil in Brazil to a 1-1 draw.

There again, the Scots have never been in better spirits following their five-goal first-half romp against Cyprus.

Two men in this match against Germany will, I feel, hold the key to the World Cup finals entrance.

Alan Gilzean, the Spurs and Scotland striker, and German centre-forward Gerd Muller, the man who snatched Germany's winner in Cyprus in the 92nd minute, to bring a huge sigh of relief from team manager Helmut Schon.

Take Muller first. He made himself almost a certain centre-forward selection for West Germany when Uwe Seeler, the Hamburg ace, announced in the summer that he no longer wished to be considered for international football.

Without doubt, Herr Muller is just about the best striker in the Bundesliga. But he also has the unfortunate habit of upsetting manager Helmut Schon and the German FA by the things he says, and the places he chooses to say them.

For instance, he openly criticised the national coach on television over the team's tactics in Cyprus, where, according to Mr. Muller, they played much too defensively.

To make matters worse, when rumours started sweeping Germany that Seeler would like to come back for the match against Scotland at Hampden—his farewell fling in the international arena — Gerd Muller promptly announced that he didn't want to play alongside the man who captained his country to the last World Cup Final against England at Wembley.

What will problem boy Muller do next? Will Schon in effect decide to ignore the waves of public sympathy for Seeler, shut his ears to the press pleas to bring back the great Uwe, and give Muller his way.

**Or will Seeler come back, leaving Muller to refuse to appear. There again, will Muller change face and decide he'll play anyway? Whatever happens, he will be a great danger if he does play, for Mr. Muller may be outspoken, but he has also proved to be a world-class forward.**

World class, too, is midfield mastermind Franz Beckenbauer, to my mind just about the most accomplished player on view in the last World Cup competition.

The Bayern man, however, seems to have one real chink in his armour—a real fear of the Scots. Way back last summer, before the season had really started, Franz admitted that his main ambition this season would be: "To beat Scotland at Hampden in April."

Germany's 22-year-old Player of the Year considers the Scots an unknown quantity.

Yet Schon himself has watched them sufficiently to know more than a little about Bobby Brown's likely line-up, the German boss going as far as to say that only one country in all Europe has real wingers—Scotland!

Alan Gilzean, the lanky ex-Dundee star whose international career goes back to 1962 and who has played for three different Scottish managers—Ian McColl, Jock Stein and Bobby Brown, but not, surprisingly, for John Prentice—can be Scotland's key figure.

The Spurs man emerged in Cyprus as the star of the show. Some said that Scotland were playing nothing; yet they were playing the same side which, a few weeks earlier, considered themselves unlucky not to draw with West Germany.

Gilzean has never, till that match, been a huge success in a Scotland jersey.

He has been in and out of the side over the last six years, and is still quite a way short of his 20th full cap. But the big fellow seems to be a bit like wine—or should I say Scotch? He seems to get better the longer he lasts.

### UNWILLING

Gilzean has no doubts about the importance of the German match. "That can decide the section," he says. "It's one Scotland must win."

Somehow, the Spurs star tends to use the word "Scotland" as opposed to "we", seeming quite unwilling to assume that he will play in the April match.

I SAY HE IS A MUST!

At one stage, there seemed an apathy towards Anglos, both in the SFA chambers and in the Scottish press.

Now we've come to accept Anglo-Scots as a must for the national side, simply because most of Scotland's best players finally land in England, hooked by huge transfer fees.

Gilzean can be a key figure in Scotland's World Cup hopes in more ways than one. First of all, he has proved that he can be a very good international player.

Secondly, he is one of the game's most experienced and widely-travelled stars.

And the Germans respect him as they respect few footballers, for Gilzean was largely responsible, back in Hanover five years ago, for giving Scotland a 2-2 draw with the Germans.

"I was lucky enough to get both goals in that match," says the modest Gilzean; modest indeed for a man who has tasted almost every success soccer in Britain can bring.

He has never felt happier playing in a Scottish side . . . a remark that applies to everyone in the party which went to Cyprus.

"It was much more like a club side than an international party," says Alan. "The atmosphere was tremendous all the time. It was this sort of atmosphere that helped England win the World Cup. I think it's catching on in Scotland now."

# Organised Confusion

## COLIN JOSE reports

**AS was expected, the United States Soccer Football Association (USSFA) has vetoed the NASL's plan to operate an all star team in place of its regular league competition, and as a result the present situation in the league is totally confusing.**

One year ago at this time club owners were fighting one another for the right to be in on soccer; now those who did not make it are counting their blessings.

At the present moment it is doubtful that any of the owners know themselves what they intend to do, and meanwhile valuable time is being wasted when all the clubs should be concentrating heavily on clinics, and in programmes aimed at promoting interest in the game.

Early in December a meeting was held in Chicago to discuss the refusal of the USSFA to allow the all-star idea.

Although no official statements were released it has been possible to obtain some information from people who attended the meeting and who naturally wish to remain anonymous.

Apparently only ten teams out of the original 17 were represented and they included the Chicago Mustangs, New York Generals, Atlanta Chiefs, Oakland Clippers, Baltimore Bays, Dallas Tornado, and the Toronto Falcons.

Chicago, Oakland, and New York were in favour of restarting a league competition, while others were in favour of re-applying to the USSFA for permission to operate the all-star teams. Reportedly Joe Peters of the Falcons walked out of the meeting.

One observer who had attended a previous meeting of the owners said: "It is ludicrous to see 17 millionaires sitting around a table trying to make decisions on soccer, a sport most of them know nothing about." From this one can imagine the chaos at the Chicago meeting.

Since this time a group representing the league has held discussions with the USSFA again, but once more they were turned down on the all-star idea. It would seem that the only way that the American association will sanction the NASL sponsoring tour games is if they operate a league.

This it would seem is once again under consideration with the owners trying to draw up a schedule in which each team will play the others just once, in other words the briefest league possible in order to satisfy the requirements. Promotion of soccer is no longer the object; this has now been changed to "how much money can we make out of promoting tour games?"

Perhaps the biggest stumbling block to any league operation is that CBS is not interested in picking up its option on televising regular league play, but it is interested in showing exhibition games. The reason for this is that the ratings were low for last season's regular games but considerably higher for those games involving Santos and Manchester City.

The future of the NASL is certainly far from being bright, and even if the present chaos is ever cleared up then very few people, fans or players, are ever going to place any confidence in the operation again.

Instead, soccer lovers and promoters are looking in the direction of the American Soccer League and watching their development plans with interest.

*Elsewhere on the North American scene, the Vancouver Royals who pulled out of the NASL soon after Detroit, and before the league decided to go for the all-star idea, look like they will be in operation again next season, but under a new name.*

Vancouver folded up when Shasta Corporation of San Francisco withdrew its interest, and local interests could not find enough money to keep the club going.

Now these same people feel that they can support a smaller operation and the Royals seem certain to join the Western Canada Soccer League.

Under the able guidance of general manager John Pickburn the club will play against teams from Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg and Calgary, and quite a number of the players who were with the club in the NASL are expected to sign. Also don't be surprised if they are coached by Canada's national team coach, Peter Dinsdale.

Rudi Gutendorf, who coached the St. Louis Stars both in NPSL and the NASL before resigning towards the end of the season, has returned to Germany, where he has taken over the reins of Schalke 04, who are struggling to avoid relegation from the Bundesliga.

The exodus from North America continues with every day and amongst the latest to leave is Co Prins, who has returned to the Netherlands after playing with the Pittsburgh Phantoms and the New York Generals. He has joined Maastricher VV.

Both Laddie Kubala and Ferenc Puskas, who coached in the NASL with Toronto and Vancouver respectively, are in line for the coaching job with Atletico Madrid.

The Washington Whips, who made a brief end-of-the-season tour to Europe, tied 1-1 before 10,000 spectators, then later defeated them 2-1, while they also beat Veilje 3-1. In West Germany the Whips beat one of the Lubeck clubs from the North Regional league 2-1 and tied with Holstein Kiel 2-2. Their only defeat came in Sweden, where they were beaten by Elfsborg Boras 3-0.

After the tour the Washington club's general manager, in a typical piece of NASL propaganda, said: "It was a great tour. It shows that American teams can compete on a par with the best European clubs." I am sure that Veilje, Elfsborg and the West German clubs will be delighted to know that they are the best in Europe.

**The United States national team is likely to meet either Guatemala or Haiti in the next round of the World Cup; Trinidad has been eliminated from this group.**

JIM STANDEN

Jim Standen has now returned from playing soccer in the USA and has joined Millwall.

# First encounters for the eight quarter-finalists

## EUROPEAN COMMENTARY BY GORDON JEFFERY

**UEFA's ill-judged decision to rig the first two rounds of the European Champions Cup (and the Cup Winners for that matter) may have resulted in those two competitions becoming, for this season at least, something less than a *European* affair—more an EFTA-Common Market exhibition, but without any rigging the draw for the quarter-final of the Champions Cup managed to produce what had seemed almost impossible—four ties between clubs who had not met previously in the 14 campaigns for the European Cup!**

Inevitably the consequences of the earlier rigging has been a slightly undeserved overall entry for the quarter-finals in which one place was certain, for example, to be taken by either AEK Athens or the Copenhagen club, Akademisk. The latter were making their first appearance in the competition this season. AEK had played in one previous competition (that of 1963–64) and had the Champions Cup record of two matches played, nil won, one drawn and one lost—not really the stuff of quarter-finalists although, of course, the competition has been won in the past by clubs with no previous form in it—Celtic in 1966–67 for example.

And, despite the rigging, six of the quarter-finalists do come from the top 30 in the competition's overall ranking list—even if for two of them, AC Milan and Benfica, the way was smoothed with byes in the second round such that these two can be counted amongst the top eight *in competition* in Europe this season by virtue of respectively losing (1-2) and beating (4-1) Malmo, and drawing and winning against Valur of Iceland!

Still, for all they dropped a point in Reykjavik, Benfica, with eight previous campaigns and 53 matches behind them, rank second only to Real Madrid in the *overall* ranking, and AC Milan are sixth. Between those two are Manchester United in third place.

The biggest surprise of this season's competition has been the defeat of the overall leaders, Real Madrid, by the Vienna club, Rapid. When the old masters lost 1-0 in Vienna it seemed a near-certainty that at home in Madrid, Real would have no great difficulty about pulling back that single goal deficit quite early in the play and then steadily, remorselessly, pulling ahead. Rapid, managed by Karl Decker, had been doing well enough in their Austrian league matches to be at or around the top with Austria Wien and Wiener Sportklub (the only team to beat Rapid until the last match of the first half of the season when they were pushed into second place by the undefeated Austria Wien), but, beyond two or three clubs, the Austrian standard is currently below par.

It took Real longer than their supporters had expected to pull back the deficit from the first leg—Velasquez finally scoring four minutes from half-time, but there was the second half to come and, predictably, Real came out with Bueno on the left wing in place of the veteran Gento. Sixty thousand home fans waited for the goals—but the first one, after four minutes' play in the second half, was scored by Rapid's young Danish player, Bjerregaard! Not only were Rapid again ahead on aggregate (2-1) but they had scored away from home—a goal worth, if the aggregated score was equal, double! It was eight minutes from the end before Pirri put Real ahead on the leg, equal on aggregate, but the final minutes brought no change in the score. Real were out—and left to muse upon the good fortune that had given Milan and Benfica byes!

But Rapid their conquerors are by no means minnows in the European competition — they rank 12th overall. Celtic, whose previous appearances have been limited to their winning year and last season's early disaster against Dynamo Kiev, rank 26th, and Ajax of Amsterdam (now making their fifth appearance) 28th.

Then comes the big drop to AEK Athens, ranked equal 127 in UEFA's list but, for me, one of 19 clubs sharing 114th place by virtue of having gained one point previously in the European Champions Cup—an odd collection of 19 clubs including possible some-time winners like Everton, Dynamo Zagreb, Honved and Torpedo Moscow, and less likely candidates as the Luxembourg club Aris Bonnevoie, Ireland's Distillery and Shamrock Rovers (there's peaceful co-existence for you!), Norway's Skeid Oslo, and Albania's 17 Nendori! And finally, amongst the quarter-finalists, comes the Czechoslovakian club, Trnava, with no previous form in the competition. But Trnava have done well in the first half of the present CSSR championship and, against AEK Athens, they have the easiest passage to the semi-finals. Unless some resurgence of democratic blood causes Trnava to object about playing in Greece and UEFA to cancel this quarter-final draw, there seems a fair prospect of Trnava emulating Dukla as a Champions Cup semi-finalist.

This Trnava-AEK tie apart, the others involve clubs with considerable European Champions Cup experience—prior to the present competition the six clubs concerned had played in a total of 171 European Champions Cup matches—yet, as I mentioned earlier, none of the paired clubs have previously played against each other in the competition. Manchester United and Rapid have each played previously against AC Milan and Benfica but have not played against each other. Benfica, in the course of their 53 matches, have played against United, Rapid and AC Milan but not against Ajax.

Rapid Vienna, back row left to right: Eigenstiller, Giedner, Bjerregaard, Lindman, Ullmann, Skocik, Vitlacyl (trainer). Middle row: Fritsch, Kaltenbrunner, Flogel, Carsis. Front row: Grausm, Fak, Fuchsbichler, Reisinger, Gebhardt and Sondergaard. (UPI)

Hamburg SV v. Hibernian: Hibs forwards Scott and McBride are foiled by German goalkeeper Girschkowski. The other player is Hamburg's Horst. (UPI)

## CHAMPIONS CUP RECORDS OF QUARTER-FINALISTS

(to end of season 1967–68)

**AJAX**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1957–58 | v. Wismut Chemnitz | 3-1 & 1-0 |
| | v. Vasas Budapest | 2-2 & 0-4 |
| 1960–61 | v. Fredrikstaad | 3-4 & 0-0 |
| 1966–67 | v. Besiktas | 2-0 & 2-1 |
| | v. Liverpool | 5-1 & 2-2 |
| | v. Dukla Prague | 1-1 & 1-2 |
| 1967–68 | v. Real Madrid | 1-1 & 1-2 |

Four campaigns: 14 played, 5 won, 5 drawn, 4 lost, 24 for 21 agst.

**BENFICA**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1957–58 | v. Seville | 1-3 & 0-0 |
| 1960–61 | v. Hearts | 2-1 & 3-0 |
| | v. Ujpest Dozsa | 6-2 & 1-2 |
| | v. AGF Aarhus | 3-1 & 4-1 |
| | v. Rapid | 3-0 & 1-1 |
| FINAL | v. Barcelona | 3-2 |
| 1961–62 | v. FK Austria | 1-1 & 5-1 |
| | v. Nuremberg | 1-3 & 6-0 |
| | v. Tottenham H. | 3-1 & 1-2 |
| FINAL | v. Real Madrid | 5-3 |
| 1962–63 | v. Norrkoping | 1-1 & 5-1 |
| | v. Dukla Prague | 2-1 & 0-0 |
| | v. Feijenoord | 0-0 & 3-1 |
| FINAL | v. AC Milan | 1-2 |
| 1963–64 | v. Distillery | 3-3 & 5-0 |
| | v. Bor. Dortmund | 2-1 & 0-5 |
| 1964–65 | v. Aris (Luxembourg) | 5-1 & 5-1 |
| | v. Chaux-de-Fonds | 1-1 & 5-0 |
| | v. Real Madrid | 5-1 & 1-2 |
| | v. Vasas Gyor | 1-0 & 4-0 |
| FINAL | v. Inter-Milan | 0-1 |
| 1965–66 | v. Stade Dudelange | 8-0 & 10-0 |
| | v. Levski | 2-2 & 3-2 |
| | v. Manchester United | 2-3 & 1-5 |
| 1967–68 | v. Glentoran | 1-1 & 0-0 |
| | v. St. Etienne | 2-0 & 0-1 |
| | v. Vasas Budapest | 0-0 & 3-0 |
| | v. Juventus | 2-0 & 1-0 |
| FINAL | v. Manchester United | 1-4 |

Eight campaigns: 53 played, 29 won, 12 drawn, 12 lost, 134 for 64 agst.

**MANCHESTER UNITED**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1956–57 | v. Anderlecht | 2-0 & 10-0 |
| | v. Bor. Dortmund | 3-2 & 0-0 |
| | v. At. Bilbao | 3-5 & 3-0 |
| | v. Real Madrid | 1-3 & 2-2 |
| 1957–58 | v. Shamrock Rov. | 6-0 & 3-2 |
| | v. Dukla Prague | 3-0 & 0-1 |
| | v. Red Star Belgrade | 2-1 & 3-3 |
| | v. AC Milan | 2-1 & 0-4 |
| 1965–66 | v. HIJK Helsinki | 3-2 & 6-0 |
| | v. Vorwarts | 2-0 & 3-1 |
| | v. Benfica | 3-2 & 5-1 |
| | v. Partisan Belgrade | 0-2 & 1-0 |
| 1967–68 | v. Hibernian (Malta) | 4-0 & 0-0 |
| | v. Sarajevo | 0-0 & 2-1 |
| | v. Gornik | 2-0 & 0-1 |
| | v. Real Madrid | 1-0 & 3-3 |
| FINAL | v. Benfica | 4-1 |

Four campaigns: 33 played, 21 won, 6 drawn, 6 lost, 82 for 38 agst.

**RAPID**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1955–56 | v. PSV Eindhoven | 6-1 & 0-1 |
| | v. AC Milan | 1-1 & 2-7 |
| 1956–57 | v. Real Madrid | 2-4, 3-1 & 0-2 |
| 1957–58 | v. AC Milan | 1-4, 5-2 & 2-4 |
| 1960–61 | v. Besiktas | 4-0 & 0-1 |
| | v. Wismut Chemnitz | 3-1, 0-2 & 1-0 |
| | v. IFK Malmo | 2-0 & 2-0 |
| | v. Benfica | 0-3 & 1-1 |
| 1964–65 | v. Shamrock Rov. | 3-0 & 2-0 |
| | v. Glasgow Rangers | 0-1 & 0-2 |
| 1967–68 | v. Besiktas | 1-0 & 3-0 |
| | v. Ein. Brunswick | 1-0 & 0-2 |

Six campaigns: 27 played, 13 won, 2 drawn, 12 lost, 45 for 40 agst.

**AC MILAN**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1955–56 | v. Saarbrucken | 3-4 & 4-1 |
| | v. Rapid Vienna | 1-1 & 7-2 |
| | v. Real Madrid | 2-4 & 2-1 |
| 1957–58 | v. Rapid Vienna | 4-1, 2-5 & 4-2 |
| | v. Rangers | 4-1 & 2-0 |
| | v. Bor. Dortmund | 1-1 & 4-1 |
| | v. Manchester U. | 1-2 & 4-0 |
| FINAL | v. Real Madrid | 2-3 |
| 1959–60 | v. CDNA Sofia | 2-2 & 3-2 |
| | v. Barcelona | 0-2 & 1-5 |
| 1962–63 | v. US Luxembourg | 8-0 & 6-0 |
| | v. Ipswich Town | 3-0 & 1-2 |
| | v. Galatasaray | 3-1 & 5-0 |
| | v. Dundee | 5-1 & 0-1 |
| FINAL | v. Benfica | 2-1 |
| 1963–64 | v. Norrkoping | 4-1 & 5-2 |
| | v. Real Madrid | 1-4 & 2-0 |

Five campaigns: 33 matches, 19 won, 4 drawn, 10 lost, 95 for 53 agst.

**CELTIC**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1966–67 | v. Zurich | 2-0 & 3-0 |
| | v. Nantes | 3-1 & 3-1 |
| | v. Vojvodina | 0-1 & 2-0 |
| | v. Dukla Prague | 3-1 & 0-0 |
| FINAL | v. Inter-Milan | 2-1 |
| 1967–68 | v. Dynamo Kiev | 1-2 & 1-1 |

Two campaigns: 11 played, 7 won, 2 drawn, 2 lost, 20 for 8 agst.

**TRNAVA** (No previous participation)

**AEK ATHENS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1963–64 | v. Monaco | 2-7 & 1-1 |

One campaign: 2 played, 0 won, 1 drawn, 1 lost, 3 for 8 agst.

# First ever triple play-off for title . . .

*Argentina Soccer Scene*

*ERIC WEIL*

**RACING CLUB, River Plate and Velez Sarsfield tied top place on points in the national championship—the first time that there has been a three-way tie for the title—and at press time the clubs have yet to play-off to decide the champion and runner-up who also qualifies for next season's South American Champions tournament along with holders, Estudiantes de La Plata. The play-off is decided by the three clubs meeting each other once on neutral ground. If this fails to bring a decision on points, total goals scored during the championship would be taken into account. This favoured Velez Sarsfield with 39, followed by River Plate (35) and Racing (29).**

The national championship had a grandstand finish with Racing and River, who were level on points, meeting on the last day. Not unnaturally a new gate record of 23,642,000 pesos (£28,485) was set up for the championship (which is only in its second year), but unfortunately there was another crowd accident, which is becoming too common in Argentine soccer. A crash-barrier gave way, hurtling some 500 people down the steep steps. About 250 had to be given first-aid and six were taken to hospital in a more serious condition. It might have been worse.

The 1-1 tie between Racing and River, at the former's stadium, let Velez Sarsfield, 2-0 winners over Huracan, reach the same points total. The draw was fair as neither team deserved to lose this thriller, one of the best games of the year. The first thrill came after only two minutes when Basile put Racing ahead following a centre from Martolini, but River were soon on the attack and almost equalised through D. Onega five minutes later. Racing gave up the mid-field after taking their early lead and River were the more dangerous, mostly from the wings, Mas and Cubillas. The latter almost equalised again after 37 minutes, but half-time came with Racing one up. Only Salomone and Martolini had occasionally been dangerous for Racing in counter-attacks.

## BRILLIANT

River Plate carried on in attack after the interval and D. Onega hit a post, following brilliant play, after two minutes. He finally put his team level when converting a centre from Mas after 16 minutes. From then on both teams went all out for the winner with play going rapidly from end to end. Salomone (Racing) hit a post and both goalkeepers, Geronacci (River) and Cejas (Racing) had a lot to do in the final stages.

Velez Sarsfield, who have never won a title, started off rather nervously, but improved to run out worthy 2-0 winners over Huracan. Their inside-forward, Whebe, failed to score but nevertheless finished leading scorer in the national championship with 13 goals.

We shall look at these leading teams after the play-offs. Meanwhile, what about the "mystery" of Boca Juniors, San Lorenzo and Estudiantes de La Plata?

**Boca Juniors** failed to qualify for the Metropolitan Championship title play-off by one point and now missed the national championship play-off by the same margin. Obviously their goal-scoring department let them down in both tournaments. A total of 15 goals in 22 Metropolitan and 25 in 15 national championship games was not enough. The latter total was only made to look respectable by a last day 8-0 win over bottom Huracan de Bahia Blanca, who conceded five goals in the last half-hour after four of their players were sent off.

Boca Juniors organised a solid defence in which Peruvian, Melendez, is now the best player. They are now consolidating their middle line and although they still haven't found the perfect partner for Rattin and Cabrera, they were reckoned to have the best mid-field in the championship. They are not short of forwards, but could hardly ever get organised in attack, although towards the end of the competition Angel Rojas, Pianetti and Novello showed signs of beginning to hit it off together. With their front-line organised they could go places and, if President Armando doesn't go on his usual summer buying and selling spree to change the team, they probably will.

## RECUPERATE

**San Lorenzo's** decline, after taking the Metropolitan title undefeated, was hard to understand, but coach Elba de Padua Lima ("Tim") explained it this way. The national team took four San Lorenzo players on tour (only a maximum two from other clubs) after the "Metropolitan"—Veglio, Fischer, Rendo and Albrecht—the backbone of the team. They came back in poor physical shape, while Rendo, the general on the field, was injured. These four and a number of other players lost form at the same time and were unable to recuperate it during the whole championship. The important middle line of Rendo-Cocco-Telch had more than its share of injuries. Two opening defeats in four days after a lengthy unbeaten run hit morale badly. Many of the younger players lead undisciplined lives and the club committee failed to take firm action.

"Tim" also hinted at bad organisation. Injured players, on reduced pay at San Lorenzo, only return to training and full pay once they are fully fit and this is too

Daniel Onega scores the equaliser against Racing which put his team into the national championship play-off.

late to recuperate form quickly. Another example of "austerity" was the suspension of pre-match concentration of players to save £240 a week and a leading professional team can't be run on a shoe-string budget.

Yet it is reported that "Tim" will continue at the helm (in spite of an offer from Santos) with a much improved contract next year, and San Lorenzo also improved during the latter stages of the championship.

**Estudiantes de La Plata,** the "world champions", finished a point off the bottom. Rather than loss of form, it was more a case of the players just not being able to bring themselves to the supreme effort after beating Manchester United as they had nothing much to play for, having already qualified for the next edition of the Libertadores Cup as holders. Estudiantes were also plagued by injuries and their important mid-field "power-house" of Pachame, Bilardo and Echecopar were never all present. To give the players a longer rest, Estudiantes fielded their third team in the last league game versus Belgrano (Cordoba), losing 3-2, but coach Osvaldo Zubeldia was firm: "We don't need to buy. We have the best squad of players in the Argentine."

## NO INTEREST IN THE SUPER CUP

The new Super Cup, being competed for by former Inter-Continental Cup winners, Racing, Peñarol and Santos in South America and Internacionale Milan and Real Madrid in Europe, got off to a poor start here. Very small crowds watched the first meeting of the three South American contestants, indicating apparently that people have had enough of these cups, especially when only an artificial title is attached to them. Argentina's Racing Club lost to both Santos (Brazil) and Peñarol (Uruguay) in the first meeting and seem to be virtually out of it.

## "HAPPENING" OF THE MONTH IN ARGENTINA

**Argentina professional soccer players have been afraid of the police, who haul them off to prison for up to 30 days, for incidents on the field. They are even more afraid when playing in the provinces as a prison spell there is even less of a holiday. Now comes the turn of the referees.**

At the Independiente-Rivadavia versus Boca Juniors national championship game at Mendoza, local police inspector, Araujo, told the referee at half-time that he could be taken to prison for bad refereeing or favouring one team. Boca Juniors, the visitors, were leading 1-0. After the game, which ended 1-1, Boca centre-half, Rattin, was overheard saying that the police inspector took a point off them by intimidating the referee. He was promptly detained by the police and only set free after payment of a 2,000 peso fine.

Velez Sarsfield's Omar Wehbe, top scorer in the national championship with 13 goals although he only played ten and a half games in it.

## ONE WIN, ONE DEFEAT

Argentines didn't take that 4-0 win over Chile seriously, nor the 2-1 defeat in the return game at Santiago de Chile a week later, both matches being for the "Dittborn" Cup played for annually between the two countries. Both teams lacked outstanding play and players. If Argentina's attack shone in the first game, it was mainly because the Chilean defence made many mistakes and fast forward, Fischer, had a great day, scoring twice and making two other goals. In the second game Argentina was very disorganised and Chile's meagre winning margin showed no superiority on the field.

This Argentine national team has had tactical talks from coach Humberto Maschio, and played friendlies in the provinces, but they have had no serious training sessions, mainly because of club calls on the players.

## FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Velez Sarsfield | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 39 | 14 | 22 |
| River Plate | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 35 | 15 | 22 |
| Racing Club | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 29 | 15 | 22 |
| Rosario Central | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 11 | 21 |
| Boca Juniors | 15 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 25 | 7 | 21 |
| Colon (Santa Fe) | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 19 |
| San Lorenzo | 15 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 24 | 20 | 18 |
| Los Andes | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 22 | 15 | 17 |
| Huracan (Buenos Aires) | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 13 |
| Belgrano (Cordoba) | 15 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 27 | 13 |
| Independiente | 15 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 26 | 25 | 12 |
| Lanus | 15 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 22 | 11 |
| Independiente-Riv. (Mendoza) | 15 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 9 |
| Estudiantes de La Plata | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 26 | 7 |
| San Martin (Tucuman) | 15 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 34 | 7 |
| Huracan (Bahia Blanca) | 15 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 57 | 6 |

# European Cup Statistics

## compiled by ARTHUR ROTMIL

### EUROPEAN CUP
#### First Round—Second Leg

**Glentoran Belfast** ..... 2
Morrow (24), Johnston (55).
**Anderlecht** ..... 2
Devrindt (22), Bergholtz (68).
Belfast. Att. 20,000. Ref. Colling (Luxembourg).
**Glentoran:** Finlay; Creighton, McCullough, Stewart, McKeag; Hill, Johnston; Young, Heron (Welsh), Weatherup, Morrow.
**Anderlecht:** Trappeniers; Heylens, Kialunda, Plaskie, Peeters; Herbet, Nordahl; Bergholtz, Devrindt (Mulder), Van Himst, Puis.

The first leg margin weighed heavily against the hosts, who fought with great determination, but the admirably skilful Belgians always had plenty to spare and were content to play out time quietly.

(Anderlecht won 5-2 on aggregate—will meet Manchester United.)

**Apollon Limassol (Cyprus)** ... 0
**Real Madrid** ..... 6
Velazquez 2 (7, 11), José-Luis (10), Veloso (83), Ortega (86), Zunzunegui (89).
Madrid. Att. 25,000. Ref. Oliveira (Portugal).
**Apollon:** Constantinou; Charilou, Stavrinou, Demetriu, Stylianou; Kostakis, Michael; Pannikos, Zenon, Bamboulis, Nontas.
**Real:** Junquera; Calpe, Zunzunegui, Babiloni, Miera; José-Luis, Zoco (De Felipe); Veloso, Ortega, Velazquez, Bueno.

To help the Cypriots financially, this return was also staged in Madrid, where Real gave a chance to several reserves who decided the match with a lightning start and a fulminating finish.

### CUP WINNERS CUP
#### First Round—Second Leg

**Lyn Oslo (Norway)** ..... 4
Johannesen 2 (44, 70), K. Berg (41), J. Berg (84)
**Altay Izmir (Turkey)** ..... 1
Mustafa (55)
Oslo. Att. 15,000. Ref. Gudmundsson (Iceland).
**Lyn:** Olsen (K.); Rodvang, Oestvold, Mrishak, Kolle; Kristoffersen, Berg (K.); Berg (J.), Olsen (D.), Johannesen, Austnes.
**Altay:** Tanner; Yilmaz, Zinnur, Enver, Riza; Ayfer, Behzat; Aytekin, Neodet, Feridum, Manusson (Mustafa).

The hosts pulled back the first-leg deficit by half-time, but had to overcome a shock goal from a substitute before sweeping through, thanks to a late effort by their cleverest forward, Jan Berg.

(Lyn won 5-4 on aggregate — will meet Norrköping.)

**Cologne** ..... 3
Blusch (20), Overath (22), Rühl (53 pen.)
**Bordeaux (France)** ..... 0
Cologne. Att. 25,000. Ref. Callaghan (Wales).
**Cologne:** Heyeres; Thielen, Biskup, Weber, Hemmersbach; Blusch, Simmet; Flohe, Rühl, Overath, Hornig.
**Bordeaux:** Montes; Péri, Desremeaux (Papin), Calleja, Chorda; Baudet, Simon; Massé, Burdino, Couécou, Petyt.

Splendidly led by their midfield general, Overath, the Germans romped to a clear-cut victory which was never in doubt, whilst the disappointing French lost Couécou, sent off for punching the goalkeeper.

(Cologne won 4-2 on aggregate—will meet ADO Den Haag.)

**Torino (Italy)** ..... 3
Carelli (21), Facchin (28), Mondonico (59)
**Partizani (Albania)** ..... 1
Bajko (85)
Turin. Att. 22,000. Ref. Krnavek (Czechoslovakia).
**Torino:** Vieri; Trebbi, Puia, Cereser, Fossati; Agroppi, Bolchi (Carelli); Mondonico (Corni), Combin, Moschino, Facchin.
**Partizani:** Janku; Gjika (M.), Gjika (S.), Slaku, Vasoi; Shule, Bizi; Bajko, Rzgami, Pano (Ciarku), Shaqiri.

The young Italian outfit edged out their brave opponents, but the game ended on a note of hilarity when the Albanians, claiming their goal was worth double, demanded to play extra-time!

(Torino won 3-2 on aggregate — received a bye into Round Two.)

**Norrköping (Sweden)** ..... 4
Noeblad 2 (10, 37), Hultberg 2 (21, 54)
**Crusaders (Belfast)** ..... 1
McPolin (55)
Norrköping. Att. 8,000. Ref. Sörensen (Denmark).
**Norrköping:** Lindström; Blom, Franzen, Nordquist, Pressfelt; Jonasson, Larsson; Noeblad, Hultberg, Hesslegren, Berglund.
**Crusaders:** Nicholson; Anderson, McGuiness, Macfarland (Bell), Campbell; McPolin, McArdle; Jamieson, Parke, Meldrum, Wilson.

The Swedes dished out a lesson in taking chances and made certain long before the end, while the Irish, for whom Meldrum hit the bar, also had other opportunities but no one to convert them.

(Norrköping won 6-3 on aggregate—will meet Lyn Oslo.)

**Shamrock Rovers** ..... 1
Fullam (55)
**Randers Freja (Denmark)** ... 2
Gaardsö (14), Andreasen (85)
Dublin. Att. 18,000. Ref. Kitabdjan (France).
**Rovers:** Smyth; Gregg, Richardsnn, Brady, Courtney; Fullam, Kinsella; O'Neill, Dixon, Gilbert, Leech.
**Randers:** Mogensen; Kaarup, Rasmussen, Lykke, Nielsen; Vonsyld, Sörensen; Andreasen, Gaardsö, Berg, Bödker.

Rovers swarmed into action with gay abandon, but were rocked back on their heels by the Danes' early score, and though they tried all they knew, another goal merely sealed their fate.

(Randers won 3-1 on aggregate—will meet Sliema Malta.)

**Barcelona** ..... 3
Mendoça 2 (73, 88), Zaldua (81)
**Lugano (Switzerland)** ..... 0
Barcelona. Att. 52,000. Ref. Patterson (Scotland).
**Barcelona:** Sadurni; Torres, Zabalza, Gallego, Eladio; Fernandez (Pereda), Fusté (Pellicer); Juanito, Zaldua, Mendoça, Reixach.
**Lugano:** Prosperi; Mocellin, Coduri, Pullica, Indemini; Signorelli, Luttrop; Brenna, Coinçon (Lusenti), Blumer, Chiesa.

The Swiss held out heroically till 17 minutes from time, then superior stamina allied to better technique gave the nonchalant Spaniards this decisive win highlighted by fine sportsmanship of both sides.

(Barcelona won 4-0 on aggregate — received a bye into Round Two.)

**Porto (Portugal)** ..... 2
Djalma (8), Pinto (76)
**Cardiff City** ..... 1
Toshack (51)
Porto. Att. 50,000. Ref. Hellies (France).
**Porto:** Americo; Bernado, Valdemar, Atraca, Sucuena; Lisboa, Gomes; Pavao (Chico), Pinto, Djalma (Malagueta), Nobrega.
**Cardiff:** Davies; Coldrick, Murray, Derrett, Bell; Sutton, King; Jones, Clark, Toshack, Lea (Phillips).

Drama and suspense from start to finish, with the hosts just getting the better of Cardiff, who had Coldrick sent off and a Toshack penalty brilliantly saved by Americo two minutes from time.

(Porto won 4-3 on aggregate — will meet Slovan Bratislava.)

**West Bromwich Albion** ..... 2
Brown (14), Hartford (43)
**Bruges (Belgium)** ..... 0
Birmingham. Att. 40,000. Ref. Boström (Sweden).
**WBA:** Osborne; Fraser, Talbut, Kaye, Williams; Brown, Hope; Rees, Hartford (Collard), Astle, Clark.
**Bruges:** Boone; Hinderickx, Marmenhout, Axelsson, Moelaert; Vandendaele, Reisch (Vanderlinden); Thio, Carteus, Lambert, Loske (Baillin).

In another tough and bruising battle, the English Cup-holders played well above themselves to square the tie by the interval, while Bruges fought with great determination but sadly lacked a marksman.

(Agg. scores 3-3, Albion won under away-goals rule — will meet Dynamo Bucharest.)

**Apoel (Cyprus)** ..... 0
**Dunfermline** ..... 2
Gardner (57), Callaghan (84)
Nicosia. Att. 5,000. Ref. Francescon (Italy).
**Apoel:** Vasiliou; Poulias, Kulokasis; Chabtak, Andreou, Michael; Kantilinis, Leonidou, Stylianou, Pacens, Kettenis.
**Dunfermline:** Martin; Callaghan (W.), Lunn; Fraser, Thomson, Renton; Robertson (McKimmie), Paton, Edwards, Gardner, Lister.

The Scots, already nine goals up, were content to cruise along to fulfil the engagement, whilst Apoel tried hard to put up a brave show for the crowd which included President Makarios.

(Dunfermline won 12-1 on aggregate —will meet Olympiakos.)

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## KEIR RADNEDGE reports on the resignation of ROQUE OLSEN . . .

# PENALTY FOR FAILURE

**TO be a failure is not very nice. What is worse is having to admit that you have failed —and this was the recent experience of one-time San Lorenzo and Real Madrid forward, Roque Olsen. He has resigned as trainer of Spanish First Division club Real Zaragoza.**

Olsen was in his second season as trainer under his present contract. A couple of seasons ago the club had a fine run in the Fairs Cup. That was under Olsen. So when his contract was confirmed at the start of the present season the directors' hopes were obvious.

But instead of international success it is now the threat of relegation which occupies everyone's mind. Even though Olsen has just quit, a solution to the club's problems seems no nearer. As so many clubs find out, a change of trainer does not guarantee a change of fortune.

When Olsen put in his notice Zaragoza was next to bottom of the Spanish First Division. The club had taken five points from nine games; had lost all four away matches; had scored ten goals and conceded 16. Only goal average kept the club off the foot of the table, above Atletico Madrid (*sic*).

Olsen announced his decision soon after a 3-2 home defeat by Las Palmas. A good win that day for Zaragoza might have saved him. But in point of fact Zaragoza's 11 players, hard though they tried, were absolutely no match for Luis Molowny's well-drilled Canary Island team.

Desperate to keep up with the hot pace set by league leaders Real Madrid, Las Palmas swept to a two-goal lead within the first 15 minutes. Zaragoza's performance was dreadful. It was impossible to believe that this was the club who once boasted a magnificent forward quintet that tore holes in some of the best defences in Europe.

And the solid defence of those good old days seemed to have melted away. Nieves, the young goalkeeper, was nervy against the accurate shooting of the Las Palmas forwards. Borras, the full-back signed from Barcelona, and also the vastly experienced Severino Reija, both played like old men.

Santamaria and Violeta, stopper and defensive wing-half, tried hard to hold back the flood-tide—but both had only recently recovered from injuries, and tired long before the end. Inside-forwards Santos and Planas did play well, but with two ineffective wingers and a leaden-footed Marcelino up front, their labours were in vain.

The one forward whom Zaragoza had possessed, capable of scoring, was Bustillo. He had been sold to Barcelona, though.

Zaragoza have no wingers of class. Canario has left, and Lapetra has hardly played at all since being injured last season against Everton in the Cup Winners Cup. His career is in jeopardy. Olsen accepted that to find someone else to take on Lepetra's Corso-like wandering role was impossible. So he tried to strengthen the defence, with half-back Fontenla masquerading as a winger. Then Hidalgo, an orthodox right-winger, was put into the team. There was no improvement.

Las Palmas cruised to their 3-2 win more easily than the score-line suggests.

"You just can't fight against bad luck," said Olsen afterwards. "My lads didn't click —they tried hard enough, but things just didn't work out. And you can't afford to throw away an early goal against a good team like Las Palmas. I just don't know what can be done to rectify the situation."

His tone was defeatist enough, and his last sentence merely foreshadowed his resignation. A statement the following day from the directors said that they had "accepted Olsen's resignation". It's my belief that Olsen knew the writing was on the wall when Bustillo was sold.

This sale revealed the club's weak finances. It revealed that the only way the club could sign players of any class was by selling off their best player—for Bustillo went to CFB in exchange for cash, full-back Borras, and ex-Sevilla winger Oliveros.

The financial trouble can probably be traced back to the decision in the mid-'50s to build the 35,000-capacity La Romareda stadium. The club couldn't afford it then, and haven't had the success in following years to pay back their borrowed credit.

**When the loans have been paid back, it has been the team-building plans that have had to suffer. The players signed in the last couple of seasons have all been juniors and youngsters and other clubs' reserves.**

Borras, for example, was a reserve at CFB. Goalkeeper Nieves, a Langreo junior, was Zaragoza's umpteenth attempt to find a cheap solution to the goalkeeping problem.

Thus there were no major signings last summer. Zaragoza faced this season with a side weaker than that of the previous season. Olsen faced a really uphill task trying to succeed where such as Domingo Balmanya, Jacinto Quincoces, Cesar Rodriguez, Antonio Ramallets, Olsen himself, Louis Hon, Fernando Daucik, Edmundo Suarez (Mundo) had all failed.

When, at the start of this dismal season, the fans criticised Olsen, club president Alfonso Uson defended the trainer. Yet when Olsen handed in his notice it was accepted without question. Why the startling about-turn? To me it savours too much of an increasing amount of control being wielded by the directors in team matters. As it is, Uson does not have full support from all the other directors. It is no secret that some would like to see him discredited.

LADISLAU KUBALA.

When Olsen quit, Uson had to find a successor—quickly. He first attempted to persuade Ernesto Pons to come from Santander. But that club objected violently. The names of Ladislav Kubala, Hernandez Coronado, Ferenc Puskas (returned from the USA) were all mentioned.

But finally it was one-time CFB star, one-time Zaragoza trainer, Cesar Rodriguez, who was appointed in Olsen's stead.

"Cesar knows the players. He also knows a great deal about football, and can probably count on better support than I got," commented Olsen, on learning of his replacement's identity. The inference is that Cesar's methods and attitude were more acceptable to more directors, than had been the case where Olsen was concerned.

The following Sunday Elche visited La Romareda, and departed with a 2-0 win. Only the efforts of Nieves saved Zaragoza from a greater humiliation. The other ten players were later suspended by the club.

Judging by the attitude of the *aficionados* at the end of the game, the directors should have followed Olsen's example.

The Zaragoza *plantilla* is as follows:

**Goalkeepers:** Nieves (ex-Langreo), Izcoa (Aragon), Alarcia, Yarza.

**Backs:** Borras (Barcelona), Irusquieta, Santamaria, Reija, Rico (Osasuna), Diaz, Gonzalez.

**Halves:** Pais, Violeta, Fontenla, Chirri (Aragon), Planas II (Aragon).

**Forwards:** Santos, Marcelino, Villa, Lapetra, Oliveros (Barcelona), Moya, Tejedor, Hidalgo, Martin, Planas I, Dunabeitia (Eibar), Ituino (Sestao), Padilla (Aragon), and Mayoral (Aragon).

The bracketed names indicate the clubs from which Zaragoza's new signings were made during this last summer.

# Swiss finding it hard to replace Rappan

MOST capped players:

| | |
|---|---|
| Minelli | 79 |
| Bickel | 71 |
| Abegglen (Max) | 68 |
| Ramseyer | 58 |
| Antenen | 56 |
| Amado | 54 |
| Fatton | 53 |
| Abegglen (Andre) | 52 |
| Ballaman | 50 |

Most of the record-men are pre-war players, although Alfred (Fredy) Bickel was still playing for Grasshoppers in the '50s. The leisurely pace of the pre-war game suited the Swiss players, who have never been more than part-timers. In recent years business interests have prevented the majority of the best players from maintaining the peak fitness demanded by the more physical modern game and it seems unlikely that anyone will ever equal the figures set by Minelli and Bickel.

In the '50s Charly Antenen (Chaux de Fonds) 56, Jacques Fatton (Servette) 53, and Robert Ballaman (Grasshoppers) 50, set the pattern for the future, along with Roger Bocquet (Lausanne) 48, Olivier Eggiman (Servette) 44, but of them all perhaps Fatton could have come close to 70 caps had he not spent several seasons playing as a professional with Lyon in France.

More recently four players have reached the 40s:

| | |
|---|---|
| Karl Heinz Schneiter (Lausanne) | 44 |
| Eugen Meier (Young Boys) | 42 |
| Willy Kernen (Chaux de Fonds) | 41 |
| Andre Grobety (Lausanne) | 40 |

Even these middle range totals will probably prove to be beyond most of the current squad, of whom Ely Tacchella (now 32 years old) and Richard Durr (30) are the best prospects. Kobi Kuhn and Rene Quentin, both 25 years old, lead the younger element with 23 caps each.

The current squad:

| | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|
| Karl Grob (FC Zurich) | 22 | 4 |
| Mario Prosperi (Lugano) | 23 | 6 |
| Peter Ramseier (FC Basle) | 24 | 4 |
| Bruno Michaud (FC Basle) | 33 | 11 |
| Ely Tacchella (Lausanne) | 32 | 37 |
| Pirmin Stierli (FC Zurich) | 21 | 3 |
| Richard Durr (Lausanne) | 30 | 29 |
| Kobi Kuhn (FC Zurich) | 25 | 23 |
| Rene Quentin (FC Zurich) | 25 | 23 |
| Fritz Kunzli (FC Zurich) | 22 | 18 |
| Roland Citherlet (Grasshoppers) | 26 | 3 |
| Christian Winiger (FC Zurich) | 23 | 1 |
| Georges Vuilleumier (Lausanne) | 24 | 9 |
| Vincenzo Brenna (Lugano) | 24 | 2 |
| Hansrudi Fuhrer (Grasshoppers) | 31 | 19 |
| Karl Odermatt (FC Basle) | 26 | 21 |
| Rolf Blattler (Grasshoppers) | 26 | 8 |
| Markus Pfirter (FC Basle) | 29 | 9 |

## Playing Record

| | Pld. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albania | 2 | 2 | – | – | 3 | 0 |
| Argentina | 1 | – | – | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Austria | 27 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 37 | 82 |
| Belgium | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 32 | 41 |
| Brazil | 2 | – | 2 | – | 3 | 3 |
| Chile | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Cyprus | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Czechoslovakia | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 50 |
| Denmark | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| England | 12 | 2 | – | 10 | 8 | 50 |
| France | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 49 | 48 |
| Germany* | 38 | 8 | 5 | 25 | 52 | 103 |
| Greece | 1 | 1 | – | – | 1 | 0 |
| Holland | 26 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 56 | 57 |
| Hungary | 30 | 5 | 2 | 23 | 45 | 106 |
| Irish Republic | 5 | 2 | – | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| N. Ireland | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Israel | 1 | – | – | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Italy | 38 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 55 | 86 |
| Lithuania | 1 | 1 | – | – | 9 | 0 |
| Luxembourg | 2 | 2 | – | – | 8 | 4 |
| Mexico | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Morocco | 1 | – | – | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Norway | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Poland | 2 | – | 2 | – | 4 | 4 |
| Portugal | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 14 |
| Rumania | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 9 |
| Saar | 1 | – | 1 | – | 1 | 1 |
| Scotland | 6 | 1 | – | 5 | 9 | 15 |
| Spain | 10 | – | 2 | 8 | 12 | 29 |
| Sweden | 15 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 31 |
| Turkey | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Uruguay | 2 | – | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| U.S.S.R. | 2 | – | 2 | – | 4 | 4 |
| Wales | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Yugoslavia | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 22 |

*Includes pre-war matches v. Germany and post-war games against West Germany.

### National Coach

A former goalkeeper with Grasshoppers, Erwin Ballabio, became coach through a series of fortunate circumstances. In May, 1967, SFV coach, Dr. Alfredo Foni (now boss of Internazionale-Milan), was in hospital for the vital European Championship match with Rumania. Ballabio stepped into the breach as temporary manager and after Switzerland had recorded a 7-1 victory he acquired a reputation as a magician. Throughout Dr. Foni's reign the Swiss had played to the defend and counter-attack principle but the press and public never accepted this method as the ideal for the Swiss game.

A few weeks earlier, the Swiss had lost 2-1 at home to Czechoslovakia and been described as "harmless". Hammering seven past the Rumanians, it seemed to almost everyone that Ballabio was the genius they needed to restore their shattered prestige. After weeks of campaigning in the press, the Schweizer Fussball Verband finally dismissed Dr. Foni, whose contract did not expire until after the 1970 World Cup and appointed Ballabio.

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## SWITZERLAND

Switzerland's performances since the 7-1 surprise suggest, in fact, that this result was contributed to more by the Rumanians than by anything the Swiss did.

The next outing was away to Russia in Moscow, where the home side produced several new caps in a very experimental side. Switzerland drew 2-2. Then followed several encouraging results, including a 5-0 home win over Cyprus and a 2-2 draw at home to Italy in which everyone agreed the Swiss were robbed. Two-one up with six minutes left, the referee gave Italy a penalty for a foul committed several yards outside the penalty area.

Since then, Ballabio's *attacking* Swiss squad have never managed more than one goal a game; have been beaten by Cyprus and Israel by the same 2-1 score; drawn with an experimental West German team 0-0 and beaten Austria 1-0 and Greece 1-0. Finally, the Swiss gave Rumania her revenge when they lost 2-0 in Bucharest, a result which reduces Ballabio's dwindling reputation to zero.

Since the 7-1 victory, the Swiss record reads:

| P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 14 |

The major Swiss successes have practically all been associated with Karl Rappan, who has been selector-coach of the *Nationalmannschaft* for four distinct periods, 1937–38, 1942–49, 1953–54 and 1960–63. Apart from the period 1942–49 all three appointments coincided with an impending World Cup campaign and three times Rappan produced, if not a miracle, then certainly results which were almost impossible.

In 1938 Switzerland met England at Zurich as part of her World Cup warm-up. At that time England were not members of FIFA and therefore ineligible for the series and on their end-of-season Continental tour England were beaten 2-1. Three weeks later Switzerland eliminated Germany to reach the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

Rappan was again in charge when Switzerland surprised everyone by beating England 1-0 again in Zurich during the 1947 tour before he quit the job once more to become coach of Servette.

Recalled to work for the SFV once more in 1953, Rappan was universally accepted as the only man capable of preparing a Swiss squad to put on a creditable show in the 1954 World Cup in which Switzerland was to be the host. Rappan rose to the occasion once more and after beating Italy twice—the second time in a play-off—Switzerland reached the quarter-finals.

After the World Cup Rappan returned once more to club football with Servette and FC Zurich, but after a series of disasters prior to the 1962 World Cup campaign he was once more called back to office. Drawn against Belgium and Sweden in the qualifying round, the task was formidable indeed and although qualification was not secured until the Swiss had beaten Sweden 2-1 in neutral Berlin—after the two sides had tied on points—Rappan had once more worked his miracle. During the final stages in Chile, Switzerland lost all three matches but the measure of the Swiss achievement must be measured against the fact that even the Swiss fans did not believe they could qualify.

It has since been said that Rappan has lost his magic. Young players today are intimidated by Rappan's reputation but never won over by his personality. It must be noted, however, that a country offering a high standard of education to all will create conditions in which football fails to flourish. Young players no longer dedicate themselves to the ball, and the more sophisticated public turns increasingly to other forms of entertainment.

Karl Rappan—the man who has had most successes when coaching the Swiss National XI. (EB)

The Swiss also face a secondary problem which stems from the two styles of play which divides the country more emphatically now than ever before. In the northern region, where German is the official language, the football is physical and dominated by defence. In the French-speaking region around Lausanne and Geneva the dominant features are skill and intelligence, and the tactics less rigid. Combining the most talented players from the two regions has never been easy and future Swiss results will depend on the degree to which this problem is overcome.

It seems very probable, however, bearing in mind the affluence of Switzerland and her comparatively small population, that her greatest football achievements will, in retrospect, be seen to be the years of Rappan.

# Black Power — with

**THE brilliant successes of African athletes like Keino, Temu, Wolde, Biwott and others during the recent Olympic Games has drawn my attention to the outstanding footballers this vast and still only half-explored continent is producing. Of course, coloured players have reached world-class standards many years ago but they had come, at least until the 1950s, almost exclusively from South America.**

Such all-time greats as wing-half Andrade of Uruguay, the revelation of the 1924 Olympics, plus Brazilians like centre-forward Leonidas the star of the 1938 World Cup, half-back Carlos Bauer a regular for his country between 1950–1954, the fabulous Didi of the 1958 and 1962 World Cup winners, together with the unforgettable Djalma Santos who recently celebrated his 100th cap, and the peerless Pelé, widely regarded as the greatest footballer of all time—to mention only a few.

But when the Portuguese champions Benfica were persuaded to dig for talent in their African colonies of Mozambique and Angola, such performers as Joaquim Santana, Mario Coluna and eventually the brilliant Eusebio made an astonishing impact on the European soccer scene. They helped not only Benfica to two European Cup victories plus three other final appearances but put Portuguese football, after years of obscurity, quite firmly on the map.

Mozambique, and its capital, Lourenço Marques in particular, remains a soccer gold mine for Portuguese talent scouts. Benfica's assistant coach, Fernando Cabrita, who visited the colony recently, came back with rave notices of three "Black Pearls": A 16-year-old dribble wizard who scored 30 goals in 13 matches and who, it is claimed, will surpass even Eusebio. A midfield player called Albasini was another one to note. But when pressed for details of the third, Cabrita refused to divulge his name. "Otherwise our rivals, Sporting, Academica, etc., will snatch him before us"—he said with a broad grin. But one budding star from Lourenço Marques has already arrived in Lisbon earlier this season to clinch a three-year contract with Benfica and collected a £5,000 signing-on fee. His name is Baiela José Antonio Matonse, born November 1, 1948. Playing under the name of Toni, he is being groomed in midfield, to replace eventually the ageing Coluna, no doubt.

The Belgians, too, have not been slow to

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spot and engage gifted Africans either. A few years ago Standard Liege fielded a wing-half playing under the improbable name of Bonga-Bonga, while of the present crop the best known is Anderlecht's giant centre-half, Julien Kialunda, another Congolese star. But it is the French who have for years led the way, even well before the war, in drawing on their colonial resources. Currently they are branching out to cover such territories as Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria, Tchad, Togo, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Senegal and Congo. In the past, French crowds enjoyed the sight of Africans like Njo-Lea, Tokpa, Wognin and Edimo. Here it must be emphasised that I am concentrating only on black Africans and not the off-white Arabs from the North, like Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia, whose playing resources have always been at the disposal of French clubs.

Presently, French fans can cheer such coloured performers as Abossolo, Fiawoo, Issembe, Barrou, Yansanne, Toure and Djibrill, but the two greatest stars now hitting the headlines are champions St. Etienne's centre-forward Salife Keita, also known as Domingo to be distinguished from Karounga Keita who plays for Bordeaux. Salife was born on December 6, 1946, at Bamako in Mali, and reached St. Etienne after playing for Onze Diables, Etoile Filante, Mamaya, Ouolofobougou and Real de Mamako. He gained 25 caps for Mali, two Mali FA Cup winners' medals and played in the finals of the African Games at Brazzaville in 1965 and the finals of the first and second African Cup of the champion clubs in 1965 and 1966.

Another current revelation in France is Yegba Maya, who stars for Olympique Mar-

Action from the Mitropa Cup match between Wiener Sportklub of Vienna and Cagliari of Italy. Wiener won this first leg, first round match 1-0. (UPI)

# a difference!

seille under the name of Joseph. Born on April 8, 1944, at Otele in the Cameroons, this giant forward has recently shot to the top of the French First Division leading scorers with 14 goals from as many matches and provides a striking contrast to his wing partner, the blond, pale-skinned Swede, Roger Magnusson.

The African footballers' traditional qualities are speed, agility, natural ball control and boundless enthusiasm. When these assets are harnessed and they learn tactical deployment, the emergent African nations will no longer export their best players. With the game in Europe and South America sick with negative football, over-commercialisation and what passes for professionalism, the day may not be far off when Africa overtakes them all to become the world's leading soccer continent.

## Soccer Scene
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### *Slavs set example!*

**At a time when free publicity is given to greedy, self-centred players and such idiotic phrases as: "He laughed all the way to the bank", are repeated *ad nauseam*, it is gratifying to hear of unselfish and generous footballers who are willing to help their clubs out of financial difficulties.**

Yugoslavia's well-known First Division club, OFK Belgrade, who were saved from relegation by the skin of their teeth last season, can be proud of loyal club men like Petkovic, the star of his country's European championship exploits, who passed on his bonus of £700 to the club. Goalgetter Santrac contributed £350 and veteran international Sekularac £200, while other team-mates also helped to fill the empty treasure box of OFK with smaller amounts.

But soccer in Yugoslavia can also have another, less cheerful side. Shortly before the end of a Second Division game between Lokomotiva and Rudar at Zagreb, the referee disallowed a Rudar goal because the linesman flagged for offside. An angry group of Rudar players threatened and abused the touch judge, who retaliated by hitting one of the players with his flagstick. The referee promptly sent his linesman off the field. Naturally each official produced a different version of the incident and both lodged complaints with the referees' commission.

On the lighter side: When in a C-League match Prizren beat Vucitrn by 18-0 at home, the hapless visitors were so bemused that they lost count and had to ask the referee what the score was at the end!

It has been a mixed year for Yugoslavia's brilliant winger, Dragan Dzajic, a star of the European championship finals. First he had good reasons to celebrate. He was picked for the World XI who played in Rio against Brazil to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of CBD (Brazilian Sports Federation). Language problems hampered the world team until Dzajic discovered that the great Hungarian, Florian Albert, could also speak his native tongue, Serbian. "Florrie" explained to his Slav wing partner how he liked to receive his passes. In the 34th minute Dzajic sent a perfect centre and Albert scored the team's only goal in their 1-2 defeat.

Next, his fiancée, the beautiful Yvonne Puhiero, was elected "Miss Yugoslavia 1968" and came eighth in the recent London version of the "Miss World" contest. But Dzajic must be patient before he hears wedding bells. According to a contract with the magazine *Bazar*, who organised the Yugoslav beauty finals, Yvonne cannot marry before the end of the year.

Consolation for Dragan: His team, Red Star Belgrade, became the first Yugoslav side to win Europe's oldest club competition, the Mitropa Cup, to complete a hat-trick of Cup, League and Mitropa victories for 1968. Then came two setbacks for Dzajic: He was sent off in the World Cup qualifying match with Belgium in Brussels and his club were knocked out by Celtic in the second round of the European Cup.

### *Ray(mond) of hope!*

**Belgium's international fortunes have changed dramatically since the resignation of national manager and federal selector, Constant Van den Stock, last summer. During his ten years in office, the Belgians, with their elegant, artistic style, became the show team of Europe and scored some remarkable successes in friendlies, like the 5-1 triumph over Brazil in April '63, the 2-1 win against Portugal in Lisbon or the 2-2 draw with England at Wembley in October '64—a game they could have won but for an unfortunate own-goal by their tragically deceased centre-half, Laurent Verbiest.**

But Belgium rarely shone in competitive matches and eventually Van den Stock, infuriated by the creation of a six-man supervising committee, decided to give up last April but was persuaded to stay on for another month. The national side was then entrusted to his former assistant, Raymond Goethals, who lifted St. Trond to a respectable league position but was regarded as the apostle of the *defence en ligne*. On taking charge of the national XI, however, Goethals became a convert to the modern idea of tight defence and quick counter-attack.

In the current World Cup campaign, he began shakily when Belgium beat Finland 2-1 in Helsinki last June only with two late goals in the last five minutes. The winner came from Odilon Polleunis, the star of Goethals' club, St. Trond, and who has now established himself as the midfield organiser, as well as a goalgetter, as witnessed by his hat-trick in the 6-1 return with Finland. Next came two crucial tests, the first v. Yugoslavia in Brussels. The visitors, fresh from their 9-1 victory over the Finns, helped by two fine hat-tricks from Zambata and Musemic, were fancied to upset the Belgians. True, they missed the unfit 'keeper Pantelic and Musemic, but it was Goethals' brilliant tactical deployment which led to Belgium's comparatively easy 3-0 win, in a game marred by two Slavs and Heylens being sent off.

One of the most famous "African" footballers is the Benfica and Portugal captain—Mario Coluna. (U)

In the subsequent fine 1-1 draw with Spain in Madrid the Belgians led until 14 minutes from the end when a disputed offside goal presented the hosts with the equaliser. Unjustly, Pierre Hanon, who as captain had the right to address the referee, was ordered off for protesting and now the Belgian FA have lodged a complaint against referee Garcia of Portugal with the International Federation.

Thus Belgium head their qualifying group with seven points from four matches, and the odds must be on their entry into the Mexico finals. It is 14 years and three World Cups ago since this country last reached the decisive stage. Given the breaks, they could be a match for anybody and underlined their strength-in-depth at Madrid, where they were forced to turn out without Heylens, Plaskie, Peeters, Van Himst and Puis.

But even mere qualification, at the expense of such giants as Spain and Yugoslavia, will be regarded here as an outstanding achievement. Clearly, the exit of Van den Stock has proved a blessing in disguise, now it is up to Goethals to lead the Diables Rouges (Red Devils) on the path to glory.

### *Own goal expert!*

Brazilian amateur player, Joao Pinheiro, is currently heading for a most dubious title of the leading ... own-goal specialist. No fewer than ten times he has managed to put the ball past his own 'keeper. But being otherwise a talented footballer, the team coach was loath to leave him out. Instead, he moved Pinheiro from defence to the outside-left position. In his first game there, however, he again "scored" against his own team!

Recently Pinheiro celebrated his 25th birthday. His club colleagues surprised him with an unusual present: a compass, bearing this timely inscription: "The enemy is opposite"!

# OLYMPIC SPECIAL

## OLYMPIC GAMES RESULTS

### Finals—Qualifying

#### At Aztec Stadium, Mexico City

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 13 | Mexico | 1 | Colombia | 1 |
| Oct. 14 | Spain | 1 | Brazil | 0 |
| Oct. 15 | Mexico | 1 | France | 4 |
| Oct. 16 | Spain | 3 | Nigeria | 0 |
| Oct. 17 | Mexico | 4 | Guinea | 0 |
| Oct. 18 | Spain | 0 | Japan | 0 |

#### At Puebla

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 13 | France | 3 | Guinea | 1 |
| Oct. 14 | Nigeria | 1 | Japan | 3 |
| Oct. 15 | Colombia | 2 | Guinea | 3 |
| Oct. 16 | Brazil | 1 | Japan | 1 |
| Oct. 17 | Colombia | 2 | France | 1 |
| Oct. 18 | Brazil | 3 | Nigeria | 3 |

#### At Guadalajara

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 13 | Hungary | 4 | El Salvador | 0 |
| Oct. 14 | Czechoslovakia | 0 | Guatemala | 1 |
| Oct. 15 | Hungary | 2 | Ghana | 2 |
| Oct. 16 | Czechoslovakia | 2 | Bulgaria | 2 |
| Oct. 17 | Hungary | 2 | Israel | 0 |
| Oct. 18 | Czechoslovakia | 8 | Thailand | 0 |

#### At Leon

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 13 | Ghana | 3 | Israel | 5 |
| Oct. 14 | Bulgaria | 7 | Thailand | 0 |
| Oct. 15 | El Salvador | 1 | Israel | 3 |
| Oct. 16 | Guatemala | 4 | Thailand | 1 |
| Oct. 17 | El Salvador | 1 | Ghana | 1 |
| Oct. 18 | Guatemala | 1 | Bulgaria | 2 |

## FINAL GROUP TABLES

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Group A** | | | | | | | |
| France | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Mexico | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Colombia | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Guinea | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| **Group B** | | | | | | | |
| Spain | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Japan | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Brazil | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Nigeria | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| **Group C** | | | | | | | |
| Hungary | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| Israel | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Ghana | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| El Salvador | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| **Group D** | | | | | | | |
| Bulgaria | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 5 |
| Guatemala | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Czechoslovakia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| Thailand | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 0 |

## QUARTER-FINALS

### (Played October 20)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| France | 1 | Japan | 3 | — At Aztec Stadium |
| Spain | 0 | Mexico | 2 | — At Puebla |
| Hungary | 1 | Guatemala | 0 | — At Guadalajara |
| Bulgaria | 1 | Israel | 1 | — At Leon |

(After extra time—Bulgaria won toss)

## SEMI-FINALS

### (Played October 22)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan | 0 | Hungary | 5 | — At Aztec Stadium |
| Bulgaria | 3 | Mexico | 2 | — At Guadalajara |

## THIRD PLACE MATCH

### (Played October 24)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan | 2 | Mexico | 0 | — At Aztec Stadium |

## FINAL

### (Played October 26)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hungary | 4 | Bulgaria | 1 | — At Aztec Stadium |

### OCTOBER 13

#### Aztec Stadium

**Mexico (1) 1 (Estrada)**
**Colombia (0) 0**

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandrez, Medina (capt.), Sanabria, Perez, Regueiro, Palido (sub. Basagueren, 70 mins.), Bustos, Estrada, Pereda, Victorino.

**Colombia:** Quintana; Hernandez, Soto (capt.), Munoz, Lopez, Pardo, Gonzalez, Arango (sub. Tamayo, 64 mins.), Ortiz, Santa, Berdugo.

Referee: Istvan Zsolt (Hungary).

#### At Puebla

**France (0) 3 (Hallet-Delantin, Horlaville, Perrigaud)**
**Guinea (0) 1 (Camara)**

**France:** Lemercur-Navrez; Zix (capt.), Verhoeve-Thorez, Plante-Lenoir, Larque-Pere, Hodoul-Mouren, Perrigaud-Parry, Horlaville-L'Hernault, Kanyan (sub. Tamboueo, 74 mins.), Hallet-Demantin; Ribul-Conte-Deon.

**Guinea:** Camara (Morlaye); Bangoura (capt.), Fofana, Conde, Sankon, Camara (N'Dongo) (sub. Camara Fod'e, 74 mins.), Diallo, Cherif, Camara (Moriye), Keita, Soumah.

Referee: Dr. Gugulovic Milivoje (Yugoslavia).

#### At Guadalajara

**Hungary (1) 4 (Menczel, Dunai, Fazekas, Sarnozi)**
**El Salvador (0) 0**

**Hungary:** Fater; Novak (capt.), Pancsics, Menczel, Szucs, Fazekas (sub Kocsis, 54 mins.), Dunai, Nagy, Kosko, Juhasz, Sarkozi (sub. Basti, 70 mins.).

**El Salvador:** Martinez (Ricardo) (sub. Fernandez 55 mins.); Rivas, Morales, Vasquez, Flamenco (sub. Martinez Juan, 72 mins.), Avila, Quintanilla, Lindo, Acevedo, Gonzalez, Mendez.

Referee: Diego de Leo (Mexico).

#### At Leon

**Israel (3) 5 (Shpigel 2, Faygenbaum 3)**
**Ghana (2) 3 (Malik 2, Amusa)**

**Israel:** Bar; Bello, Rosen, Shwager, Rosenthal, Talbi, Shpiegel, Faygenbaum, Shpiegler, Borba, Malika-Aharon.

**Ghana:** Eshun; Addo (capt.), Sunday, Atoquayefio, Alhassan, Amosa, Nazwu, Malik, Acquah, Kpakpo, Foley (sub. Abekari, 46 mins.).

Ordered off: Ghana—Atoquayfield (60 mins.), Alhassan (89 mins.).

Referee: Michel Kitabojian (France).

### OCTOBER 14

#### Aztec Stadium

**Spain (0) 1 (Vilela)**
**Brazil (0) 0**

**Spain:** Mora Marine; Rubio Benito, Espildora, Ochoa, Sala Pulovedal, Asensi Ripoll (capt.), Jaen Rodriquez, Fernandez, Garzon, Grande Cerelio (sub. Alcaide, 68 mins.), Ortuno Plasco.

**Brazil:** Cruz Cetulio; Ferreira, Delmeida (capt.), Alves da Silva, Sebastio Silva, Dutra, Barbosa dos Santos, Uota (sub. De Godoy, 56 mins.), Ferreti, Moreno, De Jesus.

Ordered off: Barbosa dos Santos (64 mins.).

Referee: Braha Klein (Israel).

#### At Puebla

**Japan (1) 3 (Kamamoto 3)**
**Nigeria (1) 1 (Okoye)**

**Japan:** Yukoyama; Katayama, Miyamoto (M.), Kamata, Mori, Ozi, Yaegashi (capt.) (sub. Kuwahara, 78 mins.), Miyamoto (T.), Kamamoto, Matsumoto, Sugiyama.

**Nigeria:** Fregene; Iowe, Okoye, Olumomeji, Opone (capt.), Hamilton (sub. Olayomen, 38 mins), Anieke, Lawal, Brodrick, Omojememe, Achochovia.

Referee: Ramon Marmol (Salvador).

#### At Guadalajara

**Guatemala (1) 1**
**Czechoslovakia (0) 0**

**Guatemala:** Lopez; Leon de Leon, Camposeco, Montoya, Melgar, Roldan (capt.), Torres, Valdez, Pena, Stokes (sub. Melgar, 46 mins.), Garcia.

**Czechoslovakia:** Krawerius; Vercerek, Japusek (capt.), Mutkuvic, Souska, Linhart, Strano, Petras, Bartovic (sub. Pajerchin, 72 mins.), Stratil (sub. Kmac, 55 mins.), Kral.

Ordered off: Guatemala — Pena (82 mins.), Torres (89 mins.). Czechoslovakia—Pajerchin (88 mins.).

#### At Leon

**Bulgaria (1) 7 (Christov 2, Guionine, Jekov, Zafirov, Donev, Ivkov)**
**Thailand (0) 0**

**Bulgaria:** Yordanov; Guerov, Christakiev, Gaidarski, Ivkov, Gueorguiev, Jekov (capt.) (sub. Zafirov, 70 mins.), Christov (A.) (sub. Yantchovski, 77 mins.), Vassilev, Donev, Guionine.

**Thailand:** Pathipakornchai; Sanokamuwan, Sanokagowit, Pimpawatin, Unyapo, Pahnipat, Sornmutnark, Seawami (sub. Sangdhankichakul, 70 mins.), Panich (capt.) (sub. Muanckasen, 46 mins.), Nilpiron, Nukuhonpratana.

Referee: Guillermo Velasquez (Columbia).

### OCTOBER 15

#### Aztec Stadium

**France (3) 4 (Dit Kanyan 2, Tamboueon, Medina)**
**Mexico (1) 1 (Victorino)**

**France:** Lamperenr-Havrez; Zix (capt.), Verhoeve-Thorez; Plante-Lenoir, Larque-Pere, Hodoul-Mouren, Horlaville-L'Hernault, Dit Kanyan, Hallet-Demantin, Ribul-Conte, Tamboueon.

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandrez, Medina (capt.), Sanabria, Perez, Reeveiro, Pulido, Bustos, Estrada (sub. Munoz, 37 mins.), Pereda, Victorino.

Referee: Erwin Hiecer (Peru).

#### At Puebla

**Guinea (1) 3 (Fod'e Camara 2, Mamadoua Camara)**
**Colombia (1) 2 (Santa, Mosquera)**

**Guinea:** Sanoonra (capt.); Fofana, Conde, Sankon, Soumah, Camara (M.), Camara (F.), Cherif, Camara (M. M.), Keita, Sano (sub. Morlaye Camara, 87 mins.).

**Colombia:** Qintana; Hernandez, Soto (capt.), Munoz, Lopez, Gonzalez (sub. Pardo, 62 mins.), Arango, Ortiz, Berdugo, Mosquera, Santa.

Referee: Dimiter Rumentchev (Bulgaria).

#### At Guadalajara

**Hungary (2) 2 (Dunai, Menczel)**
**Ghana (2) 2 (Sunday, Stevens)**

**Hungary:** Fater; Pancsics, Menczel (capt.), Szucs, Fazekas (sub. Rasti, 69 mins.), Dunai, Nagy, Keglovich, Nosko, Juhasz, Sarkozi (sub. Kocsis, 46 mins.).

**Ghana:** Eshum (capt.); Sunday, Osei, Amosa, Stevens, Bortey Nasmu, Wilson, Malik, Acquah, Kpakpo, Foley.

Referee: Yoshiyumi Murayama (Japan).

#### At Leon

**Israel (2) 3 (Talbi, Shpiegler, Bar)**
**El Salvador (1) 1 (Martinez)**

**Israel:** Levin; Bello, Rosen, Shwager (sub. Bar, 67 mins.), Rosenthal, Talbi, Shpigel, Feygenbaum, Shpiegler, Druker, Borba.

**El Salvador:** Rivas; Castro, Vasquez, Guzman, Villalta Avila (capt.), Quintanilla, Rodriguez Lindo (sub. Azucar Urrutia, 75 mins.), Flores Ramos (sub. Martinez, 32 mins.), Barillas, Mendez, Fernandez.

Ordered off: El Salvador — Villalta Avila.

Referee: Shakibudeen Thompson (Nigeria).

## OCTOBER 16

### Aztec Stadium

**Spain (1) 3 (Ortuno, Grande 2)**
**Nigeria (0) 0**

**Spain:** Mora; Rubio, Espildora, Ochoa, Sala, Asensi (capt.) (sub. Crispi, 73 mins.), Jaen, Fernandez (sub. Ortega, 66 mins.), Garzon, Grande, Ortuno.

**Nigeria:** Fregene; Igwe, Ofuokwu, Okoye, Olumodeji, Opone (capt.), Anieke, Lawal, Brodrick, Obojememe, Salami.

Referee: Augusto Robles (Guinea).

### At Puebla

**Brazil (1) 1 (Ferreti)**
**Japan (0) 1 (Watanabe)**

**Brazil:** Cruz Getulio; Ferreira Pereira, De Almeida Filho (capt.), Silva, Dutra Dos Santos, Ferreti (sub. De Maltos, 84 mins.), Moreno, De Jesus, Deodato, De Godoy, Byron Mello.

**Japan:** Yokoyama; Katayama, Yamaguchi, Kamata (capt.), Mori, Ogi, Miyamoto (T.), Kuwahara (sub. Miyamoto (M.), 46 mins.), Kamamoto, Matsumoto (sub. Watanabe, 81 mins.), Sugiyama.

Referee: George Lamptey (Ghana).

### At Guadalajara

**Czechoslovakia (2) 2 (Jarabinsky, Petras)**
**Bulgaria (1) 2 (Gueroguiev, Jekov)**

**Czechoslovakia:** Kramerius (sub. Holes, 72 mins.); Vecerek (capt.), Mukovic, Bouska, Linhart, Petras, Boroc, Findejs (sub. Bartovic, 57 mins.), Pajerchin, Kral, Jarabinsky.

**Bulgaria:** Yordanov; Guerov, Christakiev, Ivkov, Gueorguiev, Jekiv (capt.), Christov (A.), Christov (K.), Guionine, Dimitrov (sub. Donev, 46 mins.), Zafirov.

Referee: E. Abel Aguilar (Mexico).

### At Leon

**Guatemala (1) 4 (Melgar Nelson 2, Lopez Oliva, Roldan Popol)**
**Thailand (1) 1 (Sornbutnark)**

**Guatemala:** Gonzalez Lam; Lopez Oliva, Leon De Leon, Hasse Ovalle, Villavicencio, Montoya, Roldan Popol (capt.), Garcia Ramirez (sub. Slusher Dayle), Valdez Melgar Nelson, Chacon Paredes (sub. Clarck, 51 mins.).

**Thailand:** On-Iam; Sangkasuwan, Sangkagowit (sub. Sangdhamkichakul, 46 mins.), Pimpawatin, Onyapo, Paholpat, Sornbutnark, Seawandi (sub. Chaiyong, 67 mins.), Panich (capt.), Milpirom, Nukulsompratana.

Ordered off: Thailand — Paholpat. Guatemala—Hasse Ovalle.

Referee: J. L. Faber (Guinea).

## OCTOBER 17

### Aztec Stadium

**Mexico (0) 4 (Pereda 2, Pulido 2)**
**Guinea (0) 0**

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandrez, Medina (capt.), Sanabria, Perez, Reguciro, Pulido, Bustos (sub. Munoz, 35 mins.), Estrada (sub. Morales, 35 mins.), Pereda, Victorino.

**Guinea:** Bangoura (capt.); Fofana, Conde, Sankon, Soumah (sub. Dia, 46 mins.), Camara (M. N.), Camara (F.) (sub. Diallo, 69 mins.), Cherif, Camara (M. M.), Keita, Sano.

Ordered off: Guinea—Conde.

Referee: Wanchai Suvaree (Thailand).

### At Puebla

**Colombia (2) 2 (Tamayo, Jaramillo)**
**France (0) 1 (Tamboueon)**

**Colombia:** Quintana; Hernandez, Soto (capt.), Pardo, Ospina, Viafara, Escobar, Berdugo, Tamayo (sub. Ortiz, 33 mins.), Jaramillo (sub. Arango, 46 mins.), Mosquera.

**France:** Delbumeau-Lejars; Grava-Martini, Gouaffic-Lallet, Plante-Lenoir (capt.), Laurier-Taille (sub. Larque-Pere, 46 mins.), Hodoul-Moruren, Horlaville-L'Hernault, Dit Kanyan, Tamboueon Bouanou, Parmentier-Rogue (sub. Hallet-Demantin, 49 mins.), Delafosse-Lefebvre.

Referee: Dr. Karol Galba (Czechoslovakia).

### At Guadalajara

**Hungary (1) 2 (A. Dunai 2)**
**Israel (0) 0**

**Hungary:** Fater; Novak (capt.), Dunai (D.), Pancsics, Menczel, Szucs, Fazekas, Dunai (A.), Mosko, Juhasz (sub. Szalai, 46 mins.), Basti.

**Israel:** Levin; Bar, Bello, Rosen, Talbi, Shpigel, Faygenbaum, Shpiegler (capt.), Druker, Borba (sub. Young, 46 mins.), Karako (sub. Kastro, 70 mins.).

Ordered off: Israel—Talbi.

Referee: Arturo Yamasaki (Mexico).

### At Leon

**El Salvador (1) 1 (Rodriquez)**
**Ghana (0) 1 (Osei)**

**El Salvador:** Rivas; Castro, Vazquez, Ruano (sub. Angel), Flamenco, Quinranilla, Rodriquez (capt.), Gonzalez, Martinez (sub. Azucar), Mendez, Fernandez.

**Ghana:** Ishum (capt.); Sunday, Osei, Amoa, Stevens (sub. Kusi), Boricy Nazwu, Wilson, Malik, Acquah, Kpakpo, Foley.

Referee: I. Mariano Medina (Spain).

## OCTOBER 18

### Aztec Stadium

**Spain (0) 0**
**Japan (0) 0**

**Spain:** Mendieta; Benito (capt.) (sub. Sala, 73 mins.), Espildora, Ochoa, Ciaurriz, Iraetua, Alfonseda, Alcaide, Barrios, Grande, Ortega.

**Japan:** Yokoyama; Katayama, Miyamoto, Yamaguchi, Kamata (capt.), Mori, Ogi, Miyamoto (T.) (sub. Yucuchi, 73 mins.), Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama.

Referee: Erwin Hieger (Peru).

### At Puebla

**Brazil (0) 3 (Ferreti, Silva, Olumodeji o.g.)**
**Nigeria (3) 3 (Olayombo 2, Anike)**

**Brazil:** Cruz; Ferreira, De Almeida (capt.) (sub. Aryee, 46 mins.), Silva, Dutra dos Santos, Ferreti, De Jesus, Deodato, De Godoy, Byron Mello, Chance.

**Nigeria:** Fregene; Iowe, Olumodeji (sub. Ofuokwu, 75 mins.), Opone (capt.), Oshoda (sub. Salami, 80 mins.), Olayombo, Aniske, Lawal, Brodrick, Obojememe, Aryee.

Ordered off: Brazil—Ferreti.

Referee: Seyoum Tarekech (Ethiopia).

### At Guadalajara

**Czechoslovakia (6) 8 (Petras 3, Stratil 2, Herbst, Vecerek, Krnac)**
**Thailand (0) 0**

**Czechoslovakia:** Kramerius; Vecerek, Jarabek (capt.), Mutkovic, Bouska, Linhart, Petras, Stratil (sub. Krnac, 53 mins.), Pajerchin, Kral, Herbst (sub. Strung, 44 mins.).

**Thailand:** Pathipakornchai; Sanckasuwan, Sangkagowit, Pimpawatin, Onyapo, Sornbutnark (sub. Vimoalate, 35 mins.), Thongpleow, Panich (capt.), Milpirom, Sangdhamkichakul, Nukulsompratana.

Referee: Felipe Buergo (Mexico).

### At Leon

**Bulgaria (0) 2 (Donev, Jekov)**
**Guatemala (0) 1 (Lopez)**

**Bulgaria:** Yordanov; Guerov, Christakiev, Gaidarski, Ivkov, Gueorguiev (capt.), Christov, Vassilev (sub. Dimitrov, 50 mins.), Donev, Guionine, Ivanov, (sub. Jekov, 62 mins.).

**Guatemala:** Lopez; Leon, Camposeco, Villavicencio, Montoya, Roldan (capt.), Torres, Slusher, Valdez, Pena, Garcia (sub. Gonzalez, 35 mins.).

Referee: Raul Osiris (Mexico).

## QUARTER FINALS

## OCTOBER 20

### Aztec Stadium

**France (1) 1 (Tamboueon)**
**Japan (1) 3 (Kamamoto 2, Watanabe)**

**France:** Lempereur; Zix (capt.), Verhoeve-Thorez, Plante-Lenoir (sub. Gouaffic-Lallet, 59 mins.), Larque-Pere, Hodoul-Mouren, Horlaville L'Hernault, Dit Kanyan, Tamboueon, Hallet-Demantin, Conte-Deon.

**Japan:** Yokoyama; Katayama, Miyamoto, Yamaguchi, Mori, Ogi, Miyamoto, Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama (sub. Matsumoto, 70 mins.), Kamata (capt.).

Referee: Seyoum Tarekegn (Ethiopia).

### At Puebla

**Mexico (1) 2 (Morales, Pereda)**
**Spain (0) 0**

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandres, Sanabria, Perez, Reguciro (capt.), Pulido, Pereda, Victorino (sub. Bustos, 62 mins.), Galindo, Munoz, Morales.

**Spain:** Mora Marine; Benito Rubio, Munoz, Ochoa, Sala Pulovedal, Asensi Ripoll (capt.), Rodriquez (sub. Crispi, 60 mins.), Vilela, Fito (sub. De Francisco, 51 mins.), Cereijo, Blasco.

Referee: Dr. Ilivoje Cuculovic (Yugoslavia).

### At Guadalajara

**Hungary (0) 1 (Szucs)**
**Guatemala (0) 0**

**Hungary:** Fater; Novak (capt.), Dunai, Pancsics, Menczel (sub. Kocsis, 60 mins.), Szucs, Fazekas, Dunai, Nosko, Juhasz, Basti (sub. Szalai, 72 mins.).

**Guatemala:** Gonzalez Lam; Lopez Oliva (sub. Melcar, 69 mins.), Leon, Villavicencio, Montoya, Roldan Popol (capt.), Torres Ocampo, Slusher, Melgan Nelson, Pena Segura (sub. Valdez, 76 mins.), Stokes Rawn.

Referee: Arturo Yamasaki (Mexico).

**Bulgaria (1) 1 (Christakiev)**
**Israel (0) 1 (Faygembaum)**

(After extra-time. Bulgaria won toss. 90 minutes, score 1-1.)

**Bulgaria:** Yordanov; Christakiev, Gaidarski (capt.), Ivkov, Yantchovski, Christkov (sub. Gueorguiev, 75 mins.), Donev, Guionine (sub. Jekov, 60 mins.), Dimitrov, Ivanov, Zafirov.

**Israel:** Levin; Bar, Bello, Rosen, Shwager (sub. Borba, 39 mins.), Rosenthal, Shpigel, Faygenbaum, Shpiegler, Young (sub. Englander, 75 mins.), Druker.

Referee: Michel Kitabdjian (France).

## SEMI-FINALS

## OCTOBER 22

### Aztec Stadium

**Hungary (1) 5 (Szucs 3, Novak 2)**
**Japan (0) 0**

**Hungary:** Fater (sub. Szarka, 77 mins.); Novak (capt.), Dunai (D.), Pancsics, Szucs, Fazekas, Kocsis (sub. Menczel, 56 mins.), Dunai (A.), Nagy, Nosko, Juhasz.

**Japan:** Yokoyama; Katayama, Miyamoto (M.) (sub. Tomizawa, 67 mins.), Yamaguchi, Kamata (capt.), Mori, Ogi, Miyamoto (T.) (sub. Yacgashi, 60 mins.), Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama.

Referee: Filho Arp (Brazil).

**Bulgaria (2) 3 (Jekov, Christov, Dimitrov)**
**Mexico (1) 2 (Morales, Pulido)**

**Bulgaria:** Guerov; Christakiev, Gaidarski, Gueorguiev (sub. Dimitrov (Y.), 60 mins.), Dimitrov (T.) (sub. Zafirov (68 mins.), Yantchovski, Jekov (capt.), Christov (A.), Christov (K.), Donev, Nikolov.

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandrez, Sanabria, Perez, Reguciro (capt.) (sub. Basaguren, 73 mins.), Pulido, Pereda, Victorino, Sanchez, Munoz (sub. Alvarez Crespo, 65 mins.), Morales.

Referee: Seyoum Taregn (Ethiopia).

## THIRD PLACE

## OCTOBER 24

### Aztec Stadium

**Japan (2) 2 (Kamamoto 2)**
**Mexico (0) 0**

**Japan:** Yokoyama; Katayama, Yamaguchi, Kamata (capt.), Mori, Ogi, Miyamoto, Watanabe, Kamamoto, Matsumoto, Sugiyama.

**Mexico:** Vargas; Alejandres, Sanabria, Perez, Reguciro (capt.), Estrada (sub. Hernadez, 37 mins.), Pereda, Victorino (sub. Munoz, 37 mins.), Sanchez, Basaguren, Morales.

Referee: Abraham Klein (Israel).

## FINAL

## OCTOBER 26

### Aztec Stadium

**Hungary (2) 4 (Dunai 2, Menczel, Juhasz)**
**Bulgaria (1) 1 (Dimitrov)**

**Hungary:** Fater; Novak (capt.), Drestyak, Pancsics, Menczel, Szucs, Fazekas, Dunai, Nagy, Nosko, Juhasz.

**Bulgaria:** Yordanov; Guerov, Christakiev, Gaidarski, Ivkov, Gueorguiev, Dimitrov, Yantchovski (sub. Christov (K.), 54 mins.), Jekov (capt.), Christov (A.), Donev (sub. Ivanov 62 mins.).

Ordered off: Bulgaria — Dimitrov, Ivkov, Christov (A.). Hungary—Juhasz.

Referee: Diego De Leo (Mexico).

KAMAMOTO of Japan.

# Review of 1968

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the last year. Their performances are obviously predetermined by the degree of confidence felt by their team manager, Ryszard Koncewiecz. Only against what is thought to be inferior opposition are the players' attacking talents given free rein and the results have been spectacular ... 6-1 against Norway and 8-0 against Turkey. Against stronger opponents, no doubt fearful that defeat might lead to his dismissal, Koncewiecz fields a tactical defensive team. Against Argentina in Buenos Aires the Poles were beaten only 1-0 (a penalty) and missed a penalty themselves. Worth a draw, said the Argentinian critics, but in my view the players available are worthy of a more positive approach.

Amongst the less successful teams are many of the most consistent teams in Europe. Finland and Turkey being joined by France and Austria, whose decline in recent years is nothing less than tragic. The Austrians have declined following their rising standard of living. Where the youngsters were once encouraged to spend hours playing *fussball* the orders now are to study and the few players that are produced are inevitably tempted abroad. The French, whose standard of living is certainly comparable, still have good players if not the outstanding personalities like Kopa, Fontaine and Piantoni, who dominated the 'fifties with Reims. The problems there revolve around selection, tactics and motivation of the players.

In South America the results recorded during the year might well mislead anyone unfamiliar with the mood of the moment. Only in a World Cup year do the national associations get the support of the clubs with regard to release of star players and allowing adequate time for preparation before matches. In 1968, without even a South American championship at stake, co-operation between clubs and associations has been almost nil. True the Brazilians did tour Europe, but by agreement they did so without the forward stars of Santos. The Argentinians also played a fair number of matches but were ill-prepared and again were unable to nominate the best available players. It is worth recalling that even for the 1966 World Cup a six-man limit per club was operated and the Argentinian championship continued right through the series in England.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The Brazilian press has been less than kind to the national team manager, Aimore Moreira, yet while their criticisms have been largely justified and there have been several unexpected reverses (against Mexico, for example) the Brazilians have won a very large proportion of their matches. Thirteen wins in 19 outings for what was undoubtedly an experimental year is not at all bad.

The Argentinians were only moderately successful but considering the handicaps under which their teams have to play it would be unwise to predict that the game in Argentina is on the decline. The same applies to an even greater degree to Uruguay, who have throughout the year blooded a whole string of previously unknown players. Although it must be conceded that Uruguay are no longer as outstanding as they once were it can be expected that they will produce by 1970 a team which is commendable even if not really comparable to the superb standards they have set in the past.

More than ever before it is extremely difficult to name teams in order of merit. Indeed, looking around the world with an impartial eye it is impossible to name even one truly outstanding team. The standards of play remain much what they were during the last World Cup when the game was dominated by negative tactics and physical qualities. All over the world, good players are sent on to the playing pitch wearing handcuffs and while this continues it is hardly likely that we shall see a team to match Uruguay of 1950, Hungary of 1954 or Brazil of 1958.

All we can do is make a realistic appraisal of the teams of the moment, and allocate them in four categories: World class, international class "A" (workmanlike and effective teams), international class "B" (talented players but lacking either method or physical qualities).

**World class:** None.

**International class "A":** West Germany, Italy, England, Russia, Yugoslavia, Argentina.

**International class "B":** Czechoslovakia, Scotland, Bulgaria, Belgium, Rumania, Poland, Spain, Holland, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, Hungary, Portugal.

**Florian Albert (left) and Ferenc Bene of Hungary.**

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## Colin McAlpin's Irish News

# Bingham anxious to view USSR

**WITH World Cup opponents, Turkey, safely disposed of and a full year on hand to prepare for the next, and major, encounter with the Soviet Union, Northern Ireland's chances of making the Mexico finals in 1970 must be rated above average.**

The 3-0 win in December on a poor Istanbul pitch, added to the October 4-1 victory in Belfast, has given Billy Bingham's boys maximum points in their group and now the canny boss is getting down to doing some homework on the Russians who will be paying a visit to Belfast in September for the first leg of the pairing.

As I reported recently after a visit to the Soviet Union, the Russian football officials have been compiling records of the Irish players likely to make up this country's World Cup pool and it is only right that we should be doing the same.

Bingham (*pictured A*) who master-minded the victories against Turkey so brilliantly, is anxious to have a look at the Russians and will probably do so nearer the date of the meeting between the two countries. As he says himself: "It would be futile to watch the Russians at the moment. I would rather do it nearer September when they are due in Belfast. I'm not worried about them, in fact I'd say it was the other way round. They know the pressure is on them now that we have collected the maximum points from the games with Turkey and they will find us a very difficult team to beat."

### MUD-BATH

The team that performed so well on the Istanbul mud-bath—at one stage the pitch was in such poor condition that the game was threatened—was minus Manchester United's George Best and Dundee's Billy Campbell (the latter was the star of the first encounter) and yet the players who filled in turned in displays that must be giving Bingham plenty of happy feelings.

There was ample vindication for Southport's Terry Harkin, whose selection at inside-forward caused a few raised eyebrows. Harkin, born in Londonderry, scored two of the goals and played himself into as near a permanent spot in the side as makes no difference.

Vindication, too, for the only representative from the Irish League, Bryan Hamilton of Linfield. He put in a good 90 minutes and must surely have attracted the interest of cross-Channel clubs who have been watching his progress without making any concrete moves to further it.

So Northern Ireland, on the form that brushed aside the Turks so easily, are in line for a trip to Mexico. Bingham reckons that the present squad is as strong as any in Europe and he views the Russian games with quiet confidence.

On the domestic front the recent comments from Glenavon's veteran Wilbur Cush (the former Leeds United and Irish international defender) on the present wage structure in the Irish League raised its annual spate of heart-searching.

Certainly the present weekly wage of £6 is so low it's the other side of funny, but while players remain disorganised they have only themselves to blame. Recently, when Glentoran tried to get a more realistic wage structure adopted, the majority of clubs voted against the motion on the grounds that they simply couldn't meet any increases.

**That £6 a week is a disgrace cannot be denied by anybody who cares for the future of the game but while the players remain content to merely complain about the situation from time to time they cannot honestly hope for an improvement.**

There is not, to my knowledge, a players' union in Northern Ireland and until there is the players must resign themselves to frustration. The first step in any campaign to get better wages is to form themselves into some sort of official fighting body—solidarity, brothers, solidarity!

With more people watching Irish League football, with more money coming to Irish League clubs via transfer fees, with the vastly improved standards of play, I'm sure the vast majority of clubs could afford even a token increase—for a start.

Clubs are getting away with murder. For instance, last season Crusaders won the Irish Cup on a wage bill of £36 a week! To be honest, though, Crues are far from a wealthy outfit and they have some excuse for trying to keep overheads as low as they can.

### DEDUCTIONS

And remember, the £6 is before tax. With tax deductions the player is lucky if he takes home £4. Two nights lost to training and a life of clean living isn't worth £4 a week.

Some time ago I suggested a reasonable wage structure which wouldn't break the average club. I'd raise the wage to a basic £9 a week and throw in such fringe benefits as extra cash for a win, a draw, goals above three and increases on the attendance above 3,000. At least it would give clubs and players something to work on for the future.

But, of course, it all rests with the players. They simply MUST get themselves organised and go to it.

**Seldom has an Irish League race been as close as this season's. At one time Linfield, favourites for the title, had a four-point lead but going into the Christmas games they had to be content with sharing the top position with Ards. The Ards' breakthrough came in the middle of December when the Blues suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at the hands of improving Coleraine.**

While I still reckon Ewan Fenton's side are going to be champions—Ards are infamously poor finishers to the League programme—the run-in to the last lap was certainly full of nail-chewing drama and excitement with several clubs struggling for position.

With the December signing of former Spurs, Brighton and Welsh international defender, Mel Hopkins, Ballymena United's player-manager Alex Parker is looking forward with confidence to the opening rounds of the Irish Cup. The 32-year-old Hopkins is playing with confidence and all the style that made him an outstanding English League player and his inclusion in a good, but dreadfully inconsistent, United makes the mid-Antrim club one of the dark horses for the Cup.

# "NO" TO AN OPEN MARKET

## says BRIAN GLANVILLE

**ONCE again, the transfer system has been under heavy fire. When the International Federation of Professional Footballers' Associations met last December in Manchester, the chairman, Dr. Roger Blainpain of Belgium, made a root and branch attack on it.**

"We are here," he said, "as representatives of our respective professional footballers' associations and are unanimous in our belief that the transfer system should be abolished if football is to become economically sound throughout the world . . . We say that there should be no transfer fee when a player leaves his club at the end of his contract. In other words, we believe that contracts should be made at the agreement of the player and the club and at the end of this contract the player should be a free agent if so desired.

"Obviously contracts can be made for different periods, but a player must be free to negotiate a move to a new club himself without any restrictions. Any transfer fee would be purely within the terms of the contract and between the player and his club. We feel that this would bring an end to big transfer fees.

"It is the feeling of this commitee that the actual transfer fee is against the spirit of free movement of labour, putting restrictions on the player. The national transfer systems are so disorganised that it is impossible to have an international labour market. There has got to be uniformity between the respective football associations. For instance, it is not right that there should be different times in a year when certain countries do not allow transfers to take place."

FRANK McLINTOCK. (A)

### Residential

Finally, Dr. Blainpain and his committee, nothing if not wholesale in their attitudes, deplored restrictions on the movement of players between one country and another, remarking: "Only in England you have this two-year residential qualification, and if England were to enter the Common Market, this would not be allowed by law."

Here, let me take issue with the good doctor at once. Italy were original members of the Common Market, and they and their league chop and change the rule about the admission of foreigners at will. Indeed, after the last World Cup, when the national team disastrously lost to North Korea, they placed a ban on the admission of foreign footballers till after the 1970 World Cup; when it will be reviewed, rather than automatically lifted.

The inclusion of foreign players can certainly, in limited numbers, benefit a sport but, as we have seen in Italy, it can also have disastrous effects, blocking the way to young players of talent, who are greedily acquired by rich clubs who then keep them on the sidelines. There is, at the moment, no such thing as an open market in footballers, nor am I in sympathy with Dr. Blainpain in his desire to attain it. Moreover, it seems to me little short of cheek to try to persuade countries like Italy to change their very sound system of blocking transfers for all but one month of the season.

As to the existence of the transfer system itself, he raises a very large point of principle, difficult to deal with, not least because we are all so used to the existence of the transfer system that it is difficult to imagine the game without it. One is tempted to say that once you admit the existence of professional football, the system is an inevitable concomitant; though there is no question that in Britain especially, it has historically worked in the most shamefully unbalanced way, against the players.

Let us try to contemplate a situation in which transfer fees did not exist. The temptation would surely be for a club to hang on to its players for as long as possible; and for the clubs to get together to make sure that they were not put at the mercy of the footballers. If, that is to say, you sign a teenager, you would presumably think of a ten year contract, spanning the bulk of his career. If you were contracting an experienced man, then you would try to sign him to a five year contract.

### Bonuses

I am not among those who believe that the game consists of players who greedily and automatically move from club to club, wherever possible, in search of higher rewards and bonuses. Indeed, a refreshing feature of English football is the number of players who are perfectly content to stay with one club for as long as possible. Look at Don Rogers, perhaps the most talented left winger in the country, who remains indefinitely with Swindon Town of the Third Division. But assuming longer contracts were implemented, the players would presumably be in just the same situation as before; if they wanted to leave, it would only be by buying back their contract, or getting whatever club might want them, to buy it.

There are sports such as cricket in which transfer fees do not exist, but they place heavy restrictions on the movement of their players. It seems to me that clubs are somewhat like landlords; you may dislike them and their ways on principle, but while they exist they must be conceded to have some rights. The trouble is that they have, in England, behaved so badly over the years that it is difficult to acknowledge the fact. The latest almost incredible fatuity put forward by the Football League Commitee, attempting to restore the maximum wage, fairly took the breath away.

British players still haven't sufficient freedom of movement, but what they should be doing is getting down to hard discussion and bargaining over that, rather than yearning after a Utopia which is as unlikely as any Utopia to be theirs.

**It was a little strange, after criticising the quality of directors on a BBC broadcast, to be criticised by my friend Mr. Eric Taylor general manager of Sheffield Wednesday on the grounds that I had never *been* a director. Must one spell out in one syllable words the difference between the function of critic and performer? Can only an architect criticise a building, only a chef a meal?**

It was rather a strange best ever Arsenal team that Mr. Bob Wall, who has been with Arsenal as an administrator for 40 years, picked on the occasion of their 50th. anniversary of First Division football. Moss; Parker, Barnes; McLintock, Leslie Compton, Copping; Hulme, Logie, Drake, James, Bastin.

However could he have left out Eddie Hapgood, England's left-back and captain on 34 occasions, counting war time internationals, and one of the most immaculate defenders of all time? If he was so keen to include Walley Barnes, the place was surely at right-back, ahead of the strong but straightforward Tom Parker, and George Male — who would seem, with his 19 England caps, to have a stronger claim on the face of it than Parker.

McLintock, at right-half, presumably represents a reluctant nod to the present. I cannot see him as being in the same class as the elegant and powerful Archie Macaulay, Arsenal's right-half when they won the Championship in 1947/8, and does Mr. Wall really put him ahead of the industrious Charlie Jones, the graceful Jack Crayston?

"I have included Logie at inside-right," said Wall, mysteriously "rather than left, because I had to find a place in the side for him." But Logie, for all but his first, transitional seasons with Arsenal just after the war, always *was* an inside-right! The bone of contention, here, is whether he could really be preferred to David Jack, whose body-swerve and cool control have been matched by so few English footballers. At centre-half the preference of Leslie Compton over the original stopper centre-half, Herbie Roberts, is interesting too.

Danish FA Cup Final 1968: Randers Freja forwards (striped shirts) Anders Boedker (left) and Hans Berg Andersen attack Vejle's goalkeeper Niels Christensen. Randers won 3-1. (AJ)

# KB COPENHAGEN ARE CHAMPIONS

DANISH SCENE from ARNE JENSEN

**THE Danish football season, which ended in November, came to the most dramatic finish for many years. Before the last day of the championship four teams were on top of the table. KB, Esbjerg, Frem, and B1913 all had 27 points from 21 matches, but KB had by far the best goal average.**

Esbjerg's opponents were OB, while KB had to travel to Aalborg. The match in Aalborg was brilliant, and the gallant AaB team held the leaders until five minutes from the end, when KB's top scorer, Niels Chr. Holmström, ran through and scored.

One minute later AaB equalised from a free-kick, although all the KB players were in their own penalty area, and the match looked a certain draw.

But KB were lucky to win the Danish championship on the strangest goal ever scored in Aalborg two minutes from time. Aalborg's goalkeeper, Winde, kicked upfield, but unfortunately he hit the boot of Bent Christensen, KB's substitute, and the ball sneaked over the goal line before the astonished Winde could recover.

Esbjerg beat the already relegation-doomed OB 4-2 and won the silver medals, while Frem finished third. Frem beat B1909 Odense 3-2 and the only team in the top four which did not win was B1913. They were beaten 2-0 by Vejle. OB and the famous Aarhus GF were relegated, AGF won only once during the season.

KB's championship win was a great triumph for trainer Arne Sörensen. He won several caps for Denmark during his career with B1903 and B93, and later turned professional and joined a French club. In 1960 he was team manager for the Danish international team, which won the silver medals in the Rome Olympics, but he resigned after discrepancies between him and the Danish Football Association. Arne Sörensen has now resigned as trainer of KB and he has been engaged by the Swedish club Hälsingborg.

The Kjöbenhavns Boldspilklub was founded in 1876 and is the oldest club on the Continent. With their new title they have won the championship 13 times, from 1948 to 1950 they won the championship three times in a row, a feat equalled only by Esbjerg and AGF.

Three teams have reached the semi-finals of the 1969 FA Cup tournament, AaB, B1903, and KB, all from the first division. Frem and AB will play their quarter-final tie before the start of the new season in April. AaB are regarded as favourites for the cup, and in the first three rounds of the competition they have scored ten goals without reply.

AaB's brilliant centre-half, Henning Munk Jensen, was elected Footballer of the Year, and received a beautiful silver dish. Munk Jensen has won 11 caps for Denmark and played in all full internationals during 1968, including the abandoned match versus Eire in Dublin. For 21-year-old Jensen it was a deserving reward for his magnificent games both for the international side and his club.

Munk Jensen played his first international for Denmark against Holland in Rotterdam in 1966, and he has been contacted by several foreign teams wanting to sign him. But Munk has decided not to turn professional before he has finished his education in a couple of years.

The Footballer of the Year award was introduced by a Danish football annual in 1963 and the previous winners were—1963: Jens Petersen (now Aberdeen); 1964: Ole Madsen (Sparta Rotterdam); 1965: Kaj Poulsen (Beerschot Belgium); 1966: Leif Nielsen (Houston); 1967: Johnny Hansen (Nuremberg FC).

Randers Freja, the cup specialists from the second division, has reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners Cup, and thus become only the second Danish team to achieve this honour. The first Danish team to reach the quarter-finals was Aarhus GF, in the Champions Cup in 1960–61, when they were beaten by the eventual winners, Benfica. Freja had an easy task against Sliema Wanderers of Malta in the last round.

**DANISH FIRST DIVISION**
**(Final Table)**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KB Copenhagen | 22 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 50 | 26 | 29 |
| Esbjerg FB | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 41 | 25 | 29 |
| Frem Copenhagen | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 31 | 29 |
| B1913 Odense | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 37 | 29 | 27 |
| Vejle Boldklub | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 37 | 31 | 25 |
| B1909 Odense | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 36 | 41 | 23 |
| Aalborg Bold'klub | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 37 | 35 | 21 |
| Hvidovre Copenh'n | 22 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 30 | 28 | 20 |
| Akademisk B'klub | 22 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 32 | 20 |
| Horsens FS | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 27 | 35 | 20 |
| OB Odense | 22 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 24 | 33 | 15 |
| Aarhus GF | 22 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 10 | 51 | 6 |

**LEADING SCORERS IN DIVISION I**

| | |
|---|---|
| Niels Chr. Holmström, KB | 23* |
| Bent Jensen, B1913 | 16* |
| Henning Hansen, Frem | 13 |
| Mogens Haastrup, B1909 | 13 |
| Tommy Troelsen, Vejle | 9* |
| Bjarne Kikkenborg, Esbjerg | 9 |
| Finn Wiberg, AB | 8* |
| Kjeld Holm, Esbjerg | 8 |
| Peter Thoegersen, Esbjerg | 8 |
| Leif Soerensen, Hvidovre | 8* |
| Karsten Lund, Vejle | 7* |
| Finn Doessing, Aalborg | 7 |
| Carl Aage Skouborg, KB | 7 |
| Flemming Mortensen, Frem | 7* |

* International player.

**DANISH SECOND DIVISION**
**(Final Table)**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B1903 | 22 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 56 | 17 | 36 |
| B1901 | 22 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 53 | 30 | 32 |
| Broenshoej | 22 | 15 | 1 | 6 | 47 | 26 | 31 |
| Vanloese | 22 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 41 | 37 | 24 |
| Silkeborg | 22 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 38 | 41 | 22 |
| Slagelse | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 37 | 46 | 21 |
| Koege | 22 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 39 | 43 | 20 |
| Randers Fr. | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 36 | 35 | 19 |
| Naestved | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 38 | 46 | 19 |
| Ikast | 22 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 39 | 52 | 17 |
| B93 | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 39 | 58 | 14 |
| Skovbakken | 22 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 29 | 61 | 9 |

# PENAROL CHAMPS

## South American Commentary
### by GORDON JEFFERY

**BARRING the unexpected, which seldom happens in national leagues dominated by one or two clubs, Penarol are once again to be the national champions of Uruguay. Simply the position, as I write, is that with two matches to play they have a lead of four points.**

In second place, again without anyone being surprised, are Nacional, and although Penarol's old rivals could gain a couple of points if they won their return match (the outgoing fixture was, as I reported a few issues back, goalless) it is unlikely that, should that happen, Penarol will fail to gain at least one point from their final match—against Rampla Juniors. After 16 (of the total of 18) matches the table reads:

| | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Penarol ..... | 13 | 3 | 0 | 29 |
| 2. Nacional ... | 10 | 5 | 1 | 25 |
| 3. Cerro ..... | 8 | 3 | 5 | 19 |
| 4. Defensor ... | 4 | 8 | 4 | 16 |
| 5. Rampla Jun. | 5 | 5 | 6 | 15 |
| River Plate... | 4 | 7 | 5 | 15 |
| 7. Liverpool ... | 3 | 6 | 7 | 12 |
| Sud America | 3 | 6 | 7 | 12 |
| 9. Danubio ... | 2 | 5 | 9 | 9 |
| 10. Racing ..... | 2 | 4 | 10 | 8 |

Penarol's first-half of the season win over Rampla Juniors was only by a single goal to nil but that has been Penarol's most frequent result this season—with their defence a single goal is often all that they need for victory. At one period their magnificent 'keeper, Mazurkiewicz, kept his goal intact for a total of 986 minutes in these Uruguayan championship matches!

British fans saw Mazurkiewicz in action for Uruguay in the opening match of the 1966 World Cup Final Tournament at Wembley when he denied England a goal. He was the first foreign 'keeper to maintain a clean sheet for 90 minutes against England at Wembley. I have to make that qualification about the 90 minutes if for no other reason than that of respect for the greatest of all 'keepers—Lev Yashin. He, you may remember, kept goal during the first half for the FIFA XI against England in the FA's centenary match in 1963—and at half-time the score-sheet was goalless.

Even if you do not remember the half-time score I imagine that no one who was at Wembley will ever forget the incredible Yashin save near the end of the half when he, almost nonchalantly, side-punched away a shot from Jimmy Greaves and sent the ball clean into touch! The great Russian did not reappear in the second half of that celebration match and England went on to win by the odd goal in three but perhaps Lev started a fashion for fine goalkeeping performances at Wembley.

### Inspires

Or maybe, just as some grounds seem to be unlucky for 'keepers—Paris's Parc des Princes, for example, that must still at times haunt the dreams of France's own Lamia and of Ron Springett, perhaps Wembley inspires them.

At any rate since Yashin's exhibition we have seen the Mazurkiewicz show to which I have already referred, a splendid undefeated performance by Ivo Victor (this year's Czechoslovak Player of the Year), and, although they did concede goals, fine goalkeeping by one of Yashin's heirs, Juri Psenitchnikov, and, most recently, by Bulgaria's Simeonov.

However, Wembley in winter (the scene for the Victor-Psenitchnikov-Simeonov showings) is a long way from the last stage matches of the Uruguayan and other South American championship seasons as summer warms them.

As I mentioned a couple of months ago, whilst the usual pair of Penarol and Nacional have dominated the Uruguayan scene, there seemed a chance of new faces at the top in Peru. Then, with 12 out of a total of 26 matches played, Juan Aurich led the field two points ahead of Octavio Espinosa and the better-known Alianza of Lima, the capital city, who had handicapped themselves by dropping five points in their first five matches. Alianza, I suggested, would obviously need not only to win their own matches but to rely upon Juan Aurich and Espinosa dropping points. They have....

Three further weeks, during which Alianza had a good 3-1 win over their old Lima rivals, Universitario, and Espinosa kept in the running by beating the old champions, Sporting Cristal, showed no changes in the top five places—Defensor of Lima moved into sixth place by beating Carlos Manuccil by the odd goal in five; but over the next three, with Juan Aurich dropping a point to Sporting Cristal, and Espinosa, less expectedly, to Defensor of Arica, Alianza closed the gap on the leader and moved ahead of Espinosa, who were themselves being chased by Sporting Cristal.

Two more matches have brought Alianza (a draw with Defensor Lima and a win over Carlos Manucci) level with Juan Aurich (winners over Centro Igueno but losers to KDT Nacional), and Sporting Cristal above Espinosa, so that with six matches to be played the balance seems to be swinging the way of established clubs as Alianza and Sporting Cristal, and against the early pacemakers, Juan Aurich and Octavio Espinosa. Full positions and points after 20 matches:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Juan Aurich ..... | 29 |
| Alianza ..... | 29 |
| 3. Sporting Cristal ..... | 27 |
| 4. Octavio Espinosa ..... | 26 |
| 5. Universitario ..... | 24 |
| 6. Defensor (Lima) ..... | 21 |
| 7. Sport Boys ..... | 20 |
| 8. Miguel Grau ..... | 19 |
| 9. KDT Nacional ..... | 17 |
| 10. Carlos Manucci ..... | 16 |
| Defensor (Arica) ..... | 16 |
| 12. Porvenir Miraflores ... | 15 |
| 13. Centro Igueno ..... | 12 |
| 14. Mariscal Sucre ..... | 10 |

In Brazil, Santos—who seem more often to be referred to as Pelé FC nowadays—were in much the same position as Alianza as they dropped points at the beginning of the championship season, but with more reason than the Peruvian club.

There just is never a point in time when Santos can be said to be *fresh* for a new season—for years now their season has lasted for 12 months each year! Santos are in many respects more akin to the Harlem Globetrotters or a travelling circus of professional tennis players than to the generality of professional football clubs.

### Virtuosi

They are the exception to the general rule that football-spectating is on a different plane from that of paying money to be entertained. Much of Santos's non-Brazilian programme is spent in areas, the United States of America and Canada in particular, of slight inherent football interest, and they perform there as showmen—an assembly of virtuosi with Pelé of course the star. Poor Pelé, he is the one player who can never have a night off—if he does, Santos's fee for appearing can be cut!

Of recent years Santos have

**Not an unfamiliar position for Pele. On this occasion he was playing against Scotland—and Ron McKinnon. (A)**

been so busy with these lucrative friendly tours (sometimes tacked on to a once-only tournament) that they have opted out of the South American Confederation's "Copa Libertadores de America", the South American equivalent of the European Champions Cup, because they get far more cash from their friendlies than from playing small clubs in the club championship. Santos's reluctance does not extend, of course, to declining to appear in the "rival" world club championship between top European and South American clubs—by invitation!

### Regular

Apart from their participation in tournaments—such as a fairly recent "Tournament of Buenos Aires" along with local clubs Boca Juniors and River Plate, Nacional from Montevideo across the River Plate, and Benfica from Portugal—Santos's only regular annual competitive commitment was in their Brazilian regional Sao Paulo league. This was a fairly large sized league—usually with 16 clubs compared with the 12 or 13 that appeared in the Rio league, but no more than four or five of them were likely to seriously trouble Santos.

Now all that has changed—Brazil are moving towards a more *national* league championship and this season Santos have been competing for the Gomes Pedrosa tournament with 16 other clubs from the regions of Sao Paulo (Santos's own region), Rio (against whose elite clubs like Botafogo, Flamengo, Fluminense, and so on, Santos previously played only "friendlies" or, possibly, in the final stages of the Brazilian Cup), Bahia, Porto Alegre, Belo Horizonte (that sad name for English supporters!), Recife and Curitiba. It is, of course, the development of air transport that has made possible this step towards a national league in Brazil. It is, I suspect, concern at their 1966 World Cup failure and appreciation of the previously hidden talent found in the national cup-winning Cruzeiro side from Belo Horizonte (Tostao and Dirceu Lopes in particular) that has persuaded the Brazilians to introduce the wider championship. But Santos, coming to the league stages of the Gomes Pedrosa after a particularly exciting tour, found the going hard compared with their usual saunters in the old Sao Paulo league and gained only six points from their first six matches (from a total of 16 to be played!).

### Staleness

There were reasons for Santos's slips, of course—serious injuries to Claudio (the successor to Gilmar in goal) and Joel; Pelé's suspension; some internal conflicts — but many of these stemmed from the staleness and fatigue of the players, individually and collectively. And whilst Santos were slipping, their fellow Sao Paulists, Corinthians, were setting a hot pace by winning their first six matches. Not that Santos and Corinthians were in direct opposition so far as the tables for two groups of the tournament were concerned. On the other hand they, and every other club, were due to meet on the pitches. Exactly why, with regions jumbled together, the table was put into two sections with the two top clubs to play in a final tournament, rather than, if there had to be a final tournament (and, in Brazil, I suppose there did *have* to be), the top four of a single league were the finalists, I do not pretend to know.

Corinthians' fine run came to an end when they were successively beaten by Cruzeiro and Santos. Santos really got with the front runners when they followed their victory over Corinthians with a hard-fought bruising victory over Cruzeiro in the course of which Pelé triggered off some brawling when he badly injured Procopio—and escaped being sent off.

Procopio went off, of course, and his absence from the rest of Cruzeiro's matches was a major factor in their failure to gain a place in the last four. Pedro Paulo and Negreiro were soon engaging in a private battle—that the referee allowed them to continue off the field as the match continued with Santos having ten men to Cruzeiro's nine. It was enough for Toninho to add to Santos's early goal—scored by Pelé after good work by the rising star, Douglas.

From then on Santos kept their lead and ended on top of Group B with the Rio club, Vasco da Gama, in second place. Palmeiras (like Santos from Sao Paulo) and Internacional (from Porto Alegre) qualified in Group A and the first two matches played in the final rounds saw the two Sao Paulo clubs victorious—Santos, thanks to a last-minute penalty successfully converted by captain Carlos Alberto, beat Internacional by the odd goal in three; Palmeiras had a more comfortable 3-0 win over Vasco da Gama.

# Saviour Muller

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

**THE sinister shadow of the goalless draw with Albania which put this country out of the European championship a year ago, hung grimly over the German contingent in Nicosia during the closing stages of their World Cup qualifying tie against Cyprus. Picture the scene as with nearly two minutes of injury time (!) already played, and the score still 0-0, the Rumanian referee Pirvu checking and re-checking his watch and the fanatical crowd howling for him to end the game to start celebrating their country's greatest triumph, the Germans mounted a last despairing attack. From a throw-in, Patzke thumped the ball forward and in a goal-mouth mêlée, Müller blasted home a left-footed winner, few had by then even remotely expected.**

Such were the unbelievably dramatic circumstances in which Germany claimed two more vital World Cup points. Perhaps just as well that the fans back home did not find out the result until the following day. Because of a total strike of employees on all communication systems in Cyprus, there was no way of transmitting the score line. When I tuned in to the 7.10 p.m. radio sports bulletin it was announced that the American NATO headquarters from Belgium had passed on a score of 8-2! At 10.10 p.m. an alleged eye-witness who stepped off a plane in Rome claimed to know the result as 3-0, but in the meantime another news flash put it at 0-0. However, a message from Radio Tel-Aviv gave what turned out to be the correct score of 1-0. It wasn't in fact till the German TV-crews returned home the following morning that the right result was confirmed.

Injuries ruled out Beckenbauer and Netzer and the mid-field was occupied by new cap Herbert Wimmer, 24 (Gladbach) partnered by Max Lorenz. Fearing the sand and gravel on the pitch, 'keeper Wolter, who replaced the unfit Maier, wore track suit trousers, while Sigi Held sported a pair of gloves! Team: Wolter; Vogts, Schulz (Patzke), Weber, Höttges (Gerwien); Wimmer, Lorenz; B. Dörfel, Müller, Overath, Held. The Cypriots fought like demons favoured by the hard and bumpy ground but though Dörfel and Müller rattled the woodwork they had to wait till those last nerve-wracking moments to emerge victorious.

Before the national side embarked on their three-match South American tour, manager Helmut Schön suffered a double blow. In the last league games Höttges and Müller had been sent off and, as is customary here, were not considered to represent their country. In the opening match the Germans put up a remarkable show in holding Brazil to a 2-2 draw in Rio, after being two down at half-time. Edu scored twice for the hosts in the 29th and 36th minutes, but Held and Gerwien replied (48 and 74 minutes) for the visitors, who displayed better stamina than the locals although the game was played in an oppressive temperature of 35 degrees Centigrade (95 Fahrenheit) and humidity of 80 per cent (!) which cut the attendance to 51,000. Team: Maier; Vogts, Schulz, Weber (Lorenz), Patzke; Beckenbauer, Netzer; B. Dörfel, Held, Overath (Wimmer), Volkert (Gerwien).

Half-way mark in the Bundesliga saw Bayern four points clear of three challengers and here are the leading scorers: Müller (Bayern) 20; Seeler (HSV) 12; Skoblar (Hannover) 10; Weiss (Brunswick) 9; Laumen (Gladbach) and Budde (Duisburg) 8.

**BUNDESLIGA**

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| Bayern Munich | 17 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 35 | 13 | 25 |
| Bor. Mon.-G. | 17 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 31 | 21 | 21 |
| Eint. Brunswick | 17 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 21 |
| Hamburger SV | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 30 | 24 | 21 |
| VfB Stuttgart | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 29 | 21 | 20 |
| 1860 Munich | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 26 | 19 |
| MSV Duisburg | 17 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 21 | 17 |
| Hertha Berlin | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 17 |
| Hannover | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 16 |
| Ale. Aachen | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 16 |
| Kaiserslautern | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 22 | 16 |
| Bor. Dortmund | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 34 | 16 |
| Cologne | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 26 | 16 |
| Werder Bremen | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 27 | 15 |
| Eint. Frankfurt | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 25 | 14 |
| Nurnberg | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 13 |
| Schalke | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 21 | 25 | 12 |
| Kickers Offen. | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 11 |

# The kicking must stop

***LESLIE VERNON asks for proper control over referees, more ethical behaviour concerning the villains***

**"IT was nasty, dirty, devious, greedy, a game played in the worst possible spirit by both teams." "If anyone ever suggests to me again that Argentina football is brutal, I shall direct their attention to the film of last night's warfare. From start to finish there was an underlying viciousness about this match that had absolutely nothing to do with football."**

These were the views of a distinguished ex-player, Danny Blanchflower, and a prominent journalist, Donald Saunders, concerning the Tottenham v. Arsenal League Cup semi-final. Their opinions were typical of the general outcry which followed this "night of shame", when two much respected British teams, controlled (or rather, not controlled) by a British referee, proved to me once again that there is something basically wrong with our domestic football.

I have often criticised the "British-type" game in this column, and have voiced my feelings that the entire concept of football and the attitudes surrounding it are in need of urgent revision. Occasionally, others in the national press have echoed these sentiments, but no concentrated efforts have ever been made to remedy the ills.

Instead of looking into the mirror in search of the truth about themselves, they have been engaged in continuous and completely futile "witch-hunts" against the foreigners — it was always "they" who were responsible for the scandals and riots on and off the field.

To slant a report about an international football match (on country or club level) is fairly simple, and I sadly admit that it is a widely practised "art" in all countries. But this "eyesore" of a football match was played right here in London, and should be regarded as the final warning to the players, referees, officials, managers and to anybody connected with the game.

In fact, the "kicking has to stop" — otherwise football will descend to the level of such "wholesome" entertainments as all-in wrestling and cock-fighting. We, in this magazine, were the first ones to raise the alarm, but now there are others within the game who recognise the danger signs. The virus has been well and truly diagnosed, but what should be the "treatment"?

### Attitudes

My accusing finger has often pointed at the ineffectual, incompetent, hesitant referees. I found an unexpected ally in Harry Catterick. The Everton manager would also like to see different attitudes shown by these patently inefficient arbitrators.

"Of course it is up to the refs to give us protection," he said. "Some of the tackling from behind, these days, is outrageous. Four years ago it would never have been permitted. But the way things are going, ball-players are in danger of disappearing, and all we will have left are bloody labourers. If I had my way, the referee would be instructed before the game to enter both dressing-rooms and tell the teams exactly what he was going to do if anyone was foolish enough to start something." (*Sunday Express*, December 15, 1968.)

Instructed? By whom? And that is the rub! British referees seem to be completely free of any supervision. Every single one of them is a law unto himself. Their decisions are irrevocable, cannot be disputed, and are always correct. Their authority is never questioned publicly, their "bad days" go unnoticed and unpunished. This is not the case abroad. Referees are answerable for their "performances" to disciplinary committees, and if they are found wanting, they receive suspensions, just like an offending player would.

In Spain and Hungary, this practice has been in use for many years and is working well. Two Hungarian officials have just been suspended for three matches each for failing to control unruly players, and not sending off a full-back, who committed a deliberate foul.

When I tackled a British official on this question, his answer was that public reprisals would undermine the referees' authority and the respect they command. What authority? What respect? They have precious little of either of these admirable commodities, now, and if they would weed out the weaklings by exposing them, they might indeed acquire some!

Stricter control of the refs by their own organisation would certainly be a step in the right direction, but in itself, not the complete solution. The players themselves must be punished according to the extent of their misdeeds.

Two German internationals, Gerd Muller and Hottges, were sent off during their club's last league matches before the short winter break in the Bundesliga programme. Helmut Schoen promptly dropped both of them from the national squad and left them at home, when the team travelled to South America to play three important full internationals. Muller scored the winning goal for W. Germany against Cyprus a few weeks earlier and currently leads the domestic goalscoring chart with 20 goals in 17 matches.

So he is obviously a vitally important member of the national team, but with the Germans discipline comes first. I feel that this is the correct approach, and I wonder what would happen in a similar case in England. The banishments of Stiles and Best against Estudiantes might give us a clue. The FA has ruled that their subsequent automatic suspensions from one or two international club matches were tough enough punishments.

Whenever a player is sent off in England, he is instantly forgiven by everybody concerned! The coach rushes on the pitch, puts a consoling arm round the "poor boy's" shoulders, and leads him gently to the dressing-room —away from the cruel ref's notebook. In the meantime, a maimed opposing player might be wheeled to the waiting ambulance, or somebody's bloody nose is being wiped clean. No one worries over-much about him, but an enormous wave of sympathy surrounds the dismissed offender.

### Witnesses

The "consoling arm" is still there weeks afterwards. The club asks for a personal hearing, and numerous witnesses are only too willing to testify on his behalf. As a last resort, a film of the incident is produced, which shows without a shadow of doubt that he only kicked the goalkeeper in the stomach because he left his contact lenses in the dressing-room. Not funny? No, of course it isn't, because it is painfully close to the truth. But, believe me, Brian Rix has nothing to teach these gentlemen in charge of our national game. The "show" might be stopped, but the "farce" must go on!

**This month, in this column, I am asking for proper control over referees and a more ethical behaviour concerning the villains in football boots! Has anybody been listening?**


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# Confidence problems at Juventus

by CHRIS WEST

**WE are now a third of the way through this year's Italian football season, at which stage a gloom has settled over Turin. Turin, the capital of Piedmont, is of course, the home of Fiat. The Fiat boss Agnelli, having bought what is probably one of the finest teams in Europe, as regards individual players, now sees his famous Juventus in a state of crisis.**

Moreover, that other fine Turin team, Torino, shares bottom place in the First Division with Varese. The plight of Varese can be well understood. The team is renowned as a nursery for young players which Varese sells to bigger teams. For this reason, they have for many years shown a good profit, even before the Italians decided to make "Football Associations" into general limited companies in the English style.

Of the three top teams, Cagliari and Fiorentina have always threatened great promise, whilst the other top team, last year's champions Milan, won the championship by a record margin of points. Cagliari are fortunate to have in their team a world class international, Riva, who at the time of writing, is this season's highest goal scorer, with 11 goals from the first ten matches.

Fiorentina, in a home match against Napoli, seemed to have it all against them in the first half and were 1-0 down at half-time—but they pulled off a fine win with some really superb attacking play in the second half.

When Milan met Juventus it seemed during the first 20 minutes, that Juventus would swamp them. However, Juventus' goal scoring record is, to say the very least, poor: they made one terrible mistake in the second half trying to play the "off-side game", and allowed Hamrin to walk the ball past an irate goalkeeper.

So Cagliari remain top-dogs with 16 points, closely followed by Milan and Fiorentina. Internazionale, who had a disastrous start to the season, beat Varese, the bottom team, 6-0. For once, Foni laid off Corso, and played his two devastatingly fast wingers Jair and Vastola. It paid off handsomely. From this showing it seems that an Inter with new heart has more chance than *la Juve* of catching the top-dogs.

The situation with Juventus is quite the reverse. All enlightened commentators seem to be of the same opinion: whilst a draw, or even a win against Milan would have been a fair result, Juventus has lost confidence. It is a team inclined to panic. It is trying too hard in attack and leaving its defence wide open. Further comment seems unnecessary, because this lack of confidence is really the crux of the matter. Perhaps the team is in the same position as Manchester United to the extent that the public has expected too much of it.

Torino, bottom of the First Division as I pen this newsletter, will, in my opinion, shortly be shooting right up the table. As with Juventus, its directors and fans are suffering acute pangs of doubt. One hopes that this will not lead to a crisis of confidence, and one must admit that with its multitude of injuries and near misses, no other team in the Italian First Division has suffered such bad luck.

One only has to remember the Juventus/Torino derby of last season, which was played a few days after the death, in a car accident, of Torino's star international, Meroni. "Poor old Torino," said the pundits before the match and, rather sentimentally, "let us hope Juventus don't make them suffer too much." (I quote in translation, a headline from *La Stampa*!)

As it turned out, Torino, or rather "Poor old Torino", with a phlegm seemingly more British than Italian, paralysed the Black and Whites, and bashed (this is the only word one can use) four fine goals into the back of the Juventus net. Afterwards these same pundits wrote of the death of Meroni as some kind of insipiration to the team, but hindsight leads one to realise that Torino, who rose again from the ashes after an air crash as tragic and serious as that which befell Manchester United, is blessed with a pride and tenacity that is hard to find in any other European eleven.

Some of its fans and directors are blaming its present position on an obvious lack of "star" players, but the team has *always* had players of what could be described in general as "average" ability. The secret of their success in previous seasons is that a lot of these players are home grown, and that they possess, again like United, true team spirit.

One is most pleased to see that Genoa, a team that has many connections with England (indeed it was founded as the Genoa Cricket and Football Club) has established its position at the top of the Second Division, with a 2-0 win away from home against Como. This is one thing I did forecast, and one can now see the famous Blue and Reds of Genova well on their way to promotion.

In the First Division again, Fiorentina, close on the heels of Cagliari, seem to have forgotten the bad start which they had to the season. Bagnini, their businessman president, whom many thought incapable of being a football top-dog, has confounded his critics by selling some well-known players and buying other young hopefuls fairly cheaply, with a net profit to the club of some 300,000,000 lira (£200,000).

Whilst he was doing this, the supporters' club and the directors, as well as the press, were against him, but the gamble seems to have paid off; now he can't do a thing wrong.

## JUVENTUS 1968-69

# EUROPEAN CUP STATISTICS – compiled by ARTHUR ROTMIL

## CHAMPIONS CUP
### Second Round—First Leg

**Manchester United** ..... 3
Kidd (52), Law 2 (70, 78)
**Anderlecht** ..... 0
Manchester. Att. 51,000. Ref. Oliveira (Portugal).
**Man. Utd.:** Stepney; Brennan, Sadler, Stiles, Dunne; Crerand, Charlton; Ryan, Kidd, Law, Sartori.
**Anderlecht:** Trappeniers; Heylens, Kialunda, Peeters (Mulder), Cornelis; Herbet, Volders; Bergholtz, Devrindt, Nordahl, Puis.

Both sides missed their top stars and Anderlecht, who hit the woodwork, kept the holders at bay until the interval with Law muffing a penalty, thereafter United stormed to a clear-cut victory.

**Glasgow Celtic** ..... 5
Murdoch (3), Johnstone 2 (47, 81), Lennox (51), Wallace (75)
**Red Star Belgrade** ..... 1
Lazarevic (39)
Glasgow. Att. 67,000. Ref. Ott (West Germany).
**Celtic:** Fallon; Craig, McNeill, Brogan, Gemmell; Murdoch, Chalmers; Johnstone, Wallace, Lennox, Hughes.
**Red Star:** Dujkovic; Djoric, Pavlovic, Dojcinovski, Krivokuca; Antonijevic, Klenkovski; Ostojic, Lazarevic, Acimovic, Dzajic.

The Yugoslavs enjoyed an encouraging first half, but were later swept off their feet by some scintillating power play of the goal-hungry Scots, who revived memories of their 1967 cup triumph.

**AEK Athens** ..... 0
**Akademisk Copenhagen (Den.)** 0
Athens. Att. 15,000. Ref. Marschall (Austria).
**AEK:** Konstantinidis; Kefalidis, Vassiliou, Ballopoulos, Stathopoulos; Skevofylax, Karafeskos; Stamatiadis (Sevastopoulos), Ventouris, Papaioannou, Nicolaidis.
**Akademisk:** Henriksen; J. Larsen, B. Larsen, Yde, Collaitz; Sandvad, Kjärsgaard; Kaltoft, Hansen, Petersen, Wiberg.

A massed Danish defence barred the way to goal while their forwards always threatened in dangerous solo breaks but the Greeks disappointed with their lack of imagination and ineptitude up front.

**Ajax Amsterdam** ..... 2
Nuninga (14), Muller (75)
**Fenerbahce (Turkey)** ..... 0
Amsterdam. Att. 65,000. Ref. Jennings (England).
**Ajax:** Bals; Suurbier, Hulshoff, Vasovic, Suurendonck; Muller, Groot; Swart, Cruyff, Nuninga, Keizer (Danielssen).
**Fenerbahce:** Yavuz; Sukru, Ercan, Nunweiler, Levent; Yilmaz, Selim; Ogun, Abdullah, Ziya, Can.

The well organised Turkish rearguard performed creditably in face of Ajax's furious assaults but though chances were missed the capacity crowd acclaimed their team for gaining a reasonable margin of safety.

**Rapid Vienna** ..... 1
Kaltenbrunner (55)
**Real Madrid** ..... 0
Vienna. Att. 43,000. Ref. Mladenovic (Yugoslavia).
**Rapid:** Fuchsbichler; Gebhardt, Glechner, Ullmann, Fak; Skocik, Flügel; Fritsch, Bjerregaard, Grausam, Söndergaard (Kaltenbrunner).
**Real:** Betancort; Calpé (Babiloni), De Felipe, Zunzunegui, Sanchis; Pirri, Velazquez; Perez, José-Luis, Grosso, Bueno.

The brave, determined Austrians called the tune for most of the match and were lucky to hit the posts twice, but otherwise the tough, well-drilled Spanish defence presented few opportunities.

**Reipas Lahti (Finland)** ... 1
Hyvarinen (90)
**Spartak Trnava (Czech.)** ..... 9
Hagara (14), Kabat 2 (20, 80), Svec 3 (23, 61, 83), Martinkovic (46), Hrusecky (54), Adamec (64)
Vienna. Att. 40,000. Ref. Schiller (Austria).
**Spartak:** Kosinka; Dobias, Majernik, Jarabek, Hagara; Hrusecky, Kuna; Martinkovic, Svec, Adamec, Kabat.

Because of wintry conditions in Finland this game was switched to Vienna, coupled with Rapid v. Real Madrid tie. The Czechs also missed a penalty but drew an ovation for allowing Reipas to hit unchallenged a last-minute consolation goal.

AC Milan and Benfica received byes into the quarter-finals.

### Second Leg

**Anderlecht** ..... 3
Mulder (18), Bergholtz 2 (58, 69)
**Manchester United** ..... 1
Sartori (8)
Brussels. Att. 35,000. Ref. Ortiz de Mendibil (Spain).
**Anderlecht:** Trappeniers; Heylens, Hanon, Kialunda, Cornelis; Devrindt, Nordahl; Bergholtz, Mulder, Van Himst, Puis.
**Man. Utd.:** Stepney; Kopel, Foulkes, Sadler, Dunne; Crerand, Stiles; Fitzpatrick, Charlton, Law, Sartori.

Italian-born Carlo Sartori gave the English a golden, early lead but though the Belgians hit back with goals from their Dutch stars the awakening came too late to save the tie.
(Manchester won 4-3 on aggregate—will meet Rapid Vienna.)

**Red Star Belgrade** ..... 1
Ostojic (88)
**Glasgow Celtic** ..... 1
Wallace (81)
Belgrade. Att. 30,000. Ref. Francescon (Italy).
**Red Star:** Dujkovic; Djoric, Pavlovic, Dojcinovski, Krivokuca; Antonijevic, Klenkovski (Karapandzic); Ostojic, Lazarevic, Acimovic, Dzajic (Mihajlovic).
**Celtic:** Fallon; Craig, Brogan, McNeill, Gemmell; Murdoch, Clark; Connelly, Chalmers (Wallace), Lennox, Hughes.

The first-leg margin proved insurmountable though the Slavs, for whom Lazarevic hit the bar, tried hard, facing exaggerated caution from the Scots, who packed their side with eight defenders.
(Celtic won 6-2 on aggregate—will meet AC Milan.)

**Akademisk Copenhagen (Den.)** 0
**AEK Athens** ..... 2
Stamatiadis (25), Papaioannou (81).
Copenhagen. Att. 12,000. Ref. Davidson (Scotland).
**Akademisk:** Henriksen; J. Larsen, B. Larsen, Collaitz, Yde; Sandvad, Kjärsgaard; Kaltoft, Hansen, Petersen, Wiberg.
**AEK:** Konstantinidis; Kefalidis, Stathopoulos, Ballopoulos, Vassiliou; Skevofylax, Karafeskos; Stamatiadis, Papaioannou, Nicolaidis, Pomonis.

The Greeks were faster and countered cleverly against the disappointing hosts, who lacked finishing power, but the game was marred by political demonstrators who twice invaded the pitch.
(AEK won 2-0 on aggregate—will meet Spartak Trnava.)

**Fenerbahce (Turkey)** ..... 0
**Ajax Amsterdam** ..... 2
Keizer (55), Nuninga (88)
Istanbul. Att. 43,000. Ref. Ritter (Rumania).
**Fenerbahce:** Yavuz; Sukru, Ercan, Nunweiller III, Selim; Yilmaz, Nedim; Ogun, Abdullah, Ziya, Can.
**Ajax:** Bals; Hulshoff, Pronk, Vasovic, Van Duivenbode; Muller, Groot; Swart, Cruyff, Nuninga, Keizer.

Pouring rain and a sea of mud hampered both sides in this unexpectedly tough encounter but the Dutch champions always had the edge in technique and tactics to run out worthy winners.
(Ajax won 4-0 on aggregate—will meet Benfica.)

**Real Madrid** ..... 2
Velazquez (41), Pirri (82).
**Rapid Vienna** ..... 1
Bjerregaard (49).
Madrid. Att. 100,000. Ref. Drox (Switzerland).
**Real:** Betancort; Calpé, De Felipe, Zunzunegui, Sanchis; Pirri, Velazquez; José-Luis, Amancio, Grosso, Gento (Bueno).
**Rapid:** Fuchsbichler; Gebhardt, Glechner, Ullmann, Fak; Bjerregaard, Flügel; Fritsch, Kaltenbrunner, Grausam, Söndergaard.

Twenty-four-year-old Danish star, Björn Bjerregaard, hit a brilliant, vital goal for the brave and tactically clever Austrians to foil Real, whose famous captain, Gento, was sadly booed out of the game.
(Aggregate scores 2-2, Rapid won under away goals rule—will meet Manchester United.)

**The Dunfermline defence is hard pressed to keep out the AEK Athens forwards during the second leg of their European Cup Winners Cup match. AEK won 3-0 but lost on aggregate. (UPI)**

**Spartak Trnava (Czech.)** ..... 7
Hagara (15), Dobias 3 (21, 39, 64), Kuna (27), Adamec (37), Hrusecky (53)
**Reipas Lahti (Finland)** ..... 1
Niskakoski (83)
Trnava. Att. 5,000. Ref. Van Ravens (Holland).
**Spartak:** Kozinka; Dobias, Majernik, Jarabek, Hagara; Hrusecky, Kuna; Martinkovic, Svec, Adamec, Kabat.

A foregone conclusion with the Slovaks piling on the agony in this unequal contest and the crowd enjoying the goal spree highlighted by a fine hat-trick from full-back Dobias.

(Spartak won 16-2 on aggregate —will meet AEK Athens.)

## CUP WINNERS CUP

### Second Round—First Leg

**Dynamo Bucharest** ..... 1
Dumitrache (23)
**West Bromwich Albion** ..... 1
Hartford (28)
Bucharest. Att. 10,000. Ref. Weyland (West Germany).
**Dynamo:** Datcu; Popa, Boc, Dinu, Stefan; Ghergeli (Salceanu), Stoenescu; Pircalab, Dumitrache, Lucescu, Haidu (Nunweiler).
**WBA:** Osborne; Fraser, Brown, Talbut, Wilson; Collard, Kaye (Lovatt); Rees, Astle, Hope, Hartford.

Nothing went right for the eager Rumanians, who twice rattled the woodwork, but on other occasions failed to pierce the defences of Albion, who had Rees sent off for retaliation.

**Dunfermline** ..... 4
Mitchell (48), Edwards (55, 77), Fraser (80)
**Olympiakos (Greece)** ..... 0
Dunfermline. Att. 7,000. Ref. Oberg (Norway).
**Dunfermline:** Martin; Callaghan, Lunn, Fraser, Barry; Paton, Renton; Robertson, Edwards, Gardner, Mitchell.
**Olympiakos:** Xarhakos; Pavlidis, Zanteroglou, Siokos, Gaitatzis; Stolingas, Aganian; Joutsos, Vassiliou, Sideris, Botinos.

This incident-packed affair underwent a complete transformation after the interval when the hosts at last opened out to shatter the hapless Greeks, whose defence fell apart in lamentable fashion.

**Lyn Oslo (Norway)** ..... 2
K. Berg (40), H. Berg (57)
**Norrköping (Sweden)** ..... 0
Oslo. Att. 5,500. Ref. Loraux (Belgium).
**Lyn:** Olsen; Rodvang, Oestvold, Morrisbak, Kalle; K. Berg, Johanessen; J. Berg, H. Berg, Olsen, Austnes.
**Norrköping:** Lindström; Blom, Frantzen, Nordquist, Pressfeldt; Johansson, Larsson; Hult, Hultberg, Hesselgren, La Fleur.

In this hotly contested Scandinavian derby the Norwegians, who recently completed a cup and league double, always held the whiphand to delight their fans with a deserved victory on a snow-covered pitch.

**ADO Den Haag** ..... 0
**Cologne** ..... 1
Jendrussek (87)
The Hague. Att. 28,000. Ref. Machin (France).
**ADO:** Thie; Van der Burch, Weimar, Van den Oever, Vos; Giesen, De Zoete; Heynen, Schoemaker, Maassen, Arts.
**Cologne:** Heyeres; Thielen, Biskup, Weber, Blusch; Hermes, Simmet; Flohr, Löhr (Jendrussek), Overath, Hornig.

In a game of modest quality but whole-hearted endeavour, the German cup-holders had few problems in containing the strong-running Dutch and hit back with a late winner from substitute Jendrossek.

The exit of Real Madrid from the European Cup was a major shock. Here is the vital goal for Rapid Vienna scored by Skocik in Madrid. (UPI)

**Randers Freja** ..... 6
Andersen 2 (3, 85), Olesen (35), Bödker (33), Sörensen (55), Lykke (65 pen.)
**Sliema (Malta)** ..... 0
Randers. Att. 10,000. Ref. Colling (Luxembourg).
**Randers:** Morgensen; Kaarup, Rasmussen, Lykke, Nielsen; Olesen, Sörensen; Andersen, Gaardsb, Bödker, Petersen.
**Sliema:** Vela; Spiteri, Aquilliema, Darmanin, Micheleff; Buttigieg, Cocks; Sergey, Cini, Bonett, Falzon.

Easy for Randers, but this first visit to Denmark by a Maltese team brought disgraceful scenes when the visiting forward Cini had to be forcibly removed after being sent off.

**Porto** ..... 1
Pinto (34)
**Slovan Bratislava** ..... 0
Oporto. Att. 20,000. Ref. Wright (Scotland).
**Porto:** Americo; Bernardo, Valdemar, Atraca, Acacio; Baptista (Gomes), Rolando; Gomes (Chico), Pinto, Djalma, Nobrega.
**Slovan:** Vencel; Moder, Popluhar, Horvath, Zlocha; Mutkovic, Hrdlicka; Cvetler, Bizon, Jokl, Capkovic.

In a tense duel the experienced Czech rearguard screened their goal superbly from the clever Portuguese forwards, who pounded away, but despite territorial domination had to settle for a meagre win.

Barcelona and Torino received byes into the quarter-finals.

### Second Leg

**West Bromwich Albion** ..... 4
Lovett (35), Brown 2 (44, 52 pen.), Astle (72)
**Dynamo Bucharest** ..... 0
Birmingham. Att. 35,000. Ref. Helies (France).
**WBA:** Osborne; Fraser, Talbut, Kaye, Wilson; Brown, Hope; Clark, Lovett, Astle, Hartford.
**Dynamo:** Datcu; Popa, Boc, Dinu, Stefan; Ghergeli, Nunweiller VI (Fratila); Pircalab (Salceanu), Dumitrache, Stoenescu, Haidu.

With their star forwards Pircalab suffering from 'flu and Lucescu absent through injury, Dynamo, not used to floodlights, were overrun by confident Albion, who gave a fine display of attacking football.

(West Bromwich won 5-1 on aggregate—will meet Dunfermline.)

**Olympiakos (Greece)** ..... 3
Stolingas (9), Botinos (26), Joutsos (30)
**Dunfermline** ..... 0
Piraeus. Att. 20,000. Ref. Kmavek (Czechoslovakia).
**Olympiakos:** Xarchakos; Gaitatzis, Siokos, Zanteroglou, Pavlidis; Stolingas, Aganian; Vassiliou, Sideris, Joutsos, Botinos.
**Dunfermline:** Martin; Callaghan, Barry, Renton, Lunn; Fraser, Gardner; Robertson, Mitchell, Edwards, Lister.

A great effort by Olympiakos, three up after half an hour and in sight of saving the tie, but later they had a goal disallowed, while the Scots lost Mitchell, sent off in the subsequent fracas.

(Dunfermline won 4-3 on aggregate—will meet West Bromwich.)

**Cologne** ..... 3
Löhr 2 (2, 53), Blusch (76)
**ADO Den Haag** ..... 0
Cologne. Att. 22,000. Ref. Jones (Wales).
**Cologne:** Heyeres; Thielen, Biskup, Weber, Blusch; Simmet, Hermes (Hemmersbach); Rühl (Jendrossek), Löhr, Overath, Hornig (Hermes).
**ADO:** Thie; Van den Burch, Giesen, Van den Oever, Vos; Maassveld, De Zoete; Heynen, Schoemaker, Maassen, Arts.

The shock of an early goal plus unsuccessful offside tactics contributed to ADO's downfall but the Germans, who also hit a post, always had plenty to spare and sailed to a comfortable qualification.

(Cologne won 4-0 on aggregate —will meet Randers Freja.)

**Norrköping (Sweden)** ..... 3
Hultberg 2 (1, 51), Hesselgren (65)
**Lyn Oslo (Norway)** ..... 2
H. Berg (40), Austnes (50)
Norrköping. Att. 2,500. Ref. Hirviniemi (Finland).
**Norrköping:** Lindström; Blom, Böjerlund, Nordquist, Pressfeldt; Jonsson, Larsson; La Fleur (Nordblad), Hultberg, Hesselgren, Berglund.
**Lyn:** Olsen; Rodvang, Oestvold, Morrisbak, Kolle; K. Berg, Johanessen; H. Berg, D. Olsen, Austnes, Aanseth.

Despite the shock of a first-minute goal, gallant Lyn gave another boost to Norwegian football by overcoming the neighbouring champions, but this match was played at several degrees below freezing.

(Lyn won 4-3 on aggregate—will meet Barcelona.)

**Slovan Bratislava** ..... 4
Jan Capkovic (22), Jokl 2 (48, 88 pen.), Jos. Capkovic (84)
**Porto** ..... 0
Bratislava. Att. 10,000. Ref. Babacan (Turkey).
**Slovan:** Vencel; Mutkovic, Horvath, Zlocha, Hrivnak; Jos. Capkovic (Bizon), Hrdlicka; Cvetler, Moder, Jokl, Jan Capkovic.
**Porto:** Americo; Bernardo, Valdemar, Atraca, Sucena; Rolando, Pinto; Lisboa (Gomes), Djalma, Pavao, Nobrega.

Only a great display by 'keeper Americo saved the outplayed Portuguese from a first-half rout and the impatient hosts had to wait till the closing stages to secure this decisive victory.

(Slovan won 4-1 on aggregate—will meet Torino.)

**MISSING DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE**

| Country | Leading Player in Poll | Choice of Correspondent | Footballer of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Austria | | Best (Manchester Utd.) | Hof (Wiener SK) |
| Belgium | | Rivera (AC Milan) | Dawalque (Standard) |
| Bulgaria | Asparoukhov (Levski) | Beckenbauer (Bayern) | Jekov (CSKA Sofia) |
| Czechosl. | | Dzajic (Red Star) | Viktor (Dukla Prague) |
| Denmark | | Charlton (Man. Utd.) | Le Fevre (Veijle) |
| England | Charlton | Dzajic | Best |
| France | | Dzajic | Bosquier (St. Etienne) |
| East Germany | | Facchetti (Inter) | Pankau (Hansa Rostock) |
| W. Germany | Beckenbauer | Greaves (Spurs) | Beckenbauer |
| Greece | | Charlton | |
| Hungary | Dunai (Ujpest) | Beckenbauer | Varga (Ferencvaros) |
| N. Ireland | Best | Best | |
| Italy | Facchetti | Riva (Cagliari) | Facchetti |
| Luxembourg | Pilot (Standard Liege) | Amancio (Real Madrid) | |
| Netherlands | Cruyff (Ajax) | Charlton | Cruyff |
| Norway | | Best | Iversen (Trondheim) |
| Poland | | Best | Lubanski (Gornik) |
| Portugal | Eusebio (Benfica) | Charlton | Eusebio |
| Rumania | | Facchetti | Dobrin |
| Spain | Amancio | Best | Pirri (Real Madrid) |
| Sweden | Kindwall (Feijenoord) | Beckenbauer | Eriksson (Uppsala) |
| Switzerland | | Dzajic | |
| Turkey | | Best | Yilmaz Sen (Fenerbahce) |
| USSR | Chesternev (Torpedo) | Best | Khussainov (Spartak) |
| Yugoslavia | Dzajic | Charlton | Dzajic |

# GEORGE BEST

**IT is, of course, a remarkable achievement for Manchester United to provide the leading two players in the poll to decide Europe's Footballer of the Year—a feat never previously achieved, even by Real Madrid in their heyday. And George Best becomes the fourth British player to win the gold statuette, following Stanley Matthews in the first poll of 1956, Denis Law (Manchester United again) in 1964 and, of course, Bobby Charlton in 1966—second this year.**

But, perhaps, it is time to examine more critically the method and criteria of selection. To begin with, *France Football* persist in organising their brainchild among their correspondents and regular contributors—most of whom have their curious prejudices and inexplicable favourites. It would be far better to ring the changes and appoint a different arbiter of taste in each country every year (or, better still, extend the scope of the poll to a larger number of voters).

While Brian Glanville is admirably suited to make the English selection by his experience and uninsular approach, I wonder, not too unkindly I hope, whether the same could be said of Ireland's Dermot Ashmore—who somehow always manages to squeeze in an Irish player into his top five, no matter how barren the year.

And I could imagine nothing more inane than for Hans Blickensdorfer (who works for the *Stuttgart Zeitung* in West Germany) to choose Jimmy Greaves. In the first half of 1968, the second of the last English season, Greaves had a most unhappy time; and if he has become a force in English football again during the last few months, his impact on the European game as a whole has remained negligible. Blickensdorfer seems to choose him on the grounds that Sir Alf Ramsey has disgracefully refused to select Greaves for the England team, instead "preferring a player of modest class in Geoff Hurst". This player of "modest class", of course, only scored three goals in the World Cup Final.

The weakness of the poll, or, if you like, the insufficient evidence on which each choice is determined, lies in the wide disparity between a country's leading player as seen by *France Football* and their footballer of the year. Thus Bulgaria's football reporters choose Jekov, Europe's Asparoukhov; in Hungary Varga is preferred to Dunai, who did not have an exceptional year; Pirri and Amancio in Spain, and Chesternev and Khussainov in Russia add to the contradictions. I prefer to rely on the men on the spot, which would suggest that the European selection is a long way off the mark.

The ultimate result seems to rest heavily on the matches shown by Eurovision during the year. Best and Charlton must have won many votes as a result of Manchester United's victory in the European Cup Final against Benfica; similarly, Dzajic's electric dribbling for Yugoslavia in the finals of the European Championship influenced the selections—perhaps out of proportion to his intrinsic value. The trophy seems condemned to go to a player noted for his

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goalscoring or attacking powers—short of some stupendous performance by another Yashin—and to a player disproportionately in the public eye. To my mind a goalkeeper named Kostka and a forward called Lubanski had as good a year as anyone in Europe, but because Gornik failed in the snow against Manchester United, they both disappeared without trace.

**A turbulent time for AC Napoli, who lost their president and their most famous player, and had their manager suspended, all in the space of a week.**

Angelo Omar Sivori, once the most expensive footballer in the world, decided to give up playing when he was suspended for six matches by the Italian football association for his part in a brawl between Naples and Juventus. The disciplinary tribunal found him guilty of hitting an opponent and insulting the whole Juventus team after the match.

Sivori said he was upset by the severity of the punishment. "I could not go back into First Division football after two months' inactivity—I could not give of my best." His latest punishment means that he has been suspended from 37 matches in 11 years—a world record.

## Half-finished

Sivori has now returned to his native Buenos Aires, in spite of pleading letters and telephone calls from AC Napoli, who paid Juventus £60,000 for his transfer three years ago. Now 33, Sivori played for both Argentina and Italy, winning his last cap for his adopted country in the 1962 World Cup. His original transfer from River Plate to Juventus was only a little short of £100,000—and the fee enabled his old club to complete their half-finished stadium.

Many Italians regard Sivori as one of the greatest ball players of all time—his ability to deceive an opponent with a minimum of movement but the utmost dexterity was quite uncanny. He always played with his socks around his ankles—partly as a gesture of contempt for his elegant opponents and partly to protect his legs from tackles over the ball.

Incidentally, the Italian FA have dealt harshly with all those concerned in the match. Sivori's team-mate Dino Panzanato has been suspended for nine matches for kicking an opponent in the face and twice hitting another player. A Juventus player, Sandro Salvadore, received a four-match suspension for punching an opponent.

And the Naples manager, Guiseppe "Beppone" Chiappella, has been suspended for two months for his vigorous protests to the referee when Sivori was sent off, and for threatening officials after the game.

The day after Sivori retired, Naples president, 48-year-old Antonio Corcione, died suddenly at his home. I knew Corcione well, and he was a shrewd and charming man, probably the best president Naples had had for a long time. He had an immense knowledge of football, and was interested in the game for its own sake, rather than as a means to power and prestige. Corcione was born at Marsiconuovo, a little place in southern Italy, and he was practically penniless when he emigrated to Venezuela in 1947. Here he built up a construction firm, now worth several millions, and married a beautiful Venezuelan girl named Auraro Sandoval. He returned to Italy in 1958, settled in Naples, and became interested in junior and amateur football to a degree little short of fanatical. Six years ago he was elected to the governing body of AC Napoli when Achilles Lauro was president, and he became president himself on the board's unanimous vote last June.

**I spoke too soon when I suggested that Kenya's champion club, Abaluhya, had one foot in the final of the African club cup. Although they won the first leg 2-0 against Togo's Etoile Filante in the high altitude of Nairobi, they lost the second leg 4-0 in Lome Togo.**

After the game the Kenyan FA said their players had been molested by spectators, that the pitch was sandy, making proper football impossible, and that the goalposts were of an illegal shape.

The Togo FA refuted these charges on Radio Lome, which is a sort of African version of "I'm sorry, I'll read that again". Their federation president said: "This pitch is not the only one of its type in the world and over the years reputed teams have played on it without protesting." He said the Kenyan players had tried to intimidate the referee, and some of their tackling had been appalling.

## Undermined

Having seen pictures of the game, which looks as though it is being played on Blackpool beach, I might have thought that Kenya had a case. But their protest was rather undermined by an extraordinary move by the Kenyan government, which the following day dissolved the Kenyan FA and their national football league for ignoring their responsibilities and becoming involved in petty quarrels.

**If Cagliari maintain their present impetus and win the Italian championship, it would be an achievement without parallel for one of the youngest and least fashionable clubs in the league. For Cagliari, the pride of Sardinia, were founded only in 1920, and began in the Third Division of the island's minor league. In 1925 they merged with another Cagliari club, the Italian Sporting Society as US Cagliari, their present name.**

Cagliari won promotion from the Italian nation Second Division in 1964, and for the past four seasons have had an unspectacular position in the middle of the tables. But in 1968-69 they suddenly shot up to the top of the table by beating Torino in the eighth game of the season.

Much of the transformation is due to the arrival of Manlio Scopigno, Cagliari's 45-year-old coach from Venice. As a player, he was almost mediocre—struggling to hold a place with Naples and Salerno—but as a manager he has been remarkably successful. They call him the philosopher, because of his phlegmatic behaviour no matter how difficult the circumstances. His standards of discipline would horrify Helenio Herrera, for he does not believe in "retiro", the close control of players before a match, he allows his charges to smoke as much as they like, and he spends much of his free time with them. Few men have the guile and willpower to maintain a position of authority without remaining remote, but Scopigno seems gifted enough to walk the tight-rope.

He has made only two changes from last season's team. The new goalkeeper is Albertosi, an international who came from Fiorentina with an inside-forward, Brugnera, both in exchange for Cagliari's well-fancied striker, Rizzo. Brugnera lies behind the twin strikers, Riva and Boninsegna (the former Inter reserve), who have scored most of Cagliari's goals between them. Behind the forwards is a middle line of Cera, a free transfer from Verona, Nene, the Brazilian from Juventus, and Geratti, signed from the provincial club of Reggiana.

Cagliari have three full-backs, Martiradonna, also from Reggiana; Nicolai, from the equally obscure Torres club; and Longoni, an expensive transfer from Modena. Behind them is the traditional libero, Argentina's Longo, signed from Juventus for £80,000.

But the outstanding player is undoubtedly Luigi Riva, the most improved in Italian football. Born at Leggiuno, a little village on Lake Maggiore opposite Stresa, he started his career with a Third Division club, Lagano, not far, of course, from Milan. But Cagliari lifted him from under Milan's noses for about £23,000 in 1964, and in the close season Juventus were prepared to buy him for £650,000! Riva has now established himself in the national side, making his first appearance in a friendly against France at Paris two years ago. He has scored nine goals in 11 internationals, plays nominally on the wing, but has astonishing acceleration and perhaps the hardest shot in Italy. Sardinia, who run their own domestic affairs, effectively put 6d. on the rates to pay his salary and keep him at Cagliari: but if his club wins the title, no one will begrudge him the money.

Another famous player has retired: Ivan Kolev, one-time captain of Bulgaria and to many their greatest footballer of all time. Kolev, now 38, played 75 times for his country and scored 25 goals. He was discovered in 1950 by Milev, then manager of CNDA Sofia and the national side, who saw him playing for the Aviation team while on national service. Milev had him transferred from the air force to the army so that he could play for CNDA. A year later he made his first international appearance against Poland, at the age of 21, and in the same season scored the winning goal in a famous Bulgarian victory against Hungary. In all, Kolev played for 24 years, in 605 matches, including 422 in the Bulgarian League, scoring 146 goals. In 189 international matches at club and country level he got another 105 goals—remarkable figures, for a remarkable man.

## *World Diary*

*by*

*Roger Macdonald*

**FOOTBALL looks upon a disc as a symbol of stalemate ... something to be flipped to decide a match in European competition when the teams involved have been unable to settle it by more orthodox methods.**

Next season it may become something much more personally sinister for players foolish enough to involve themselves in incidents that call for action by referees.

The production of a disc by a referee may become the signal for caution or even of dismissal for players who disobey the rules.

The Fairs Cup will almost certainly be used as the pilot competition for a plan drawn up by Sir Stanley Rous (*pictured right*), president of FIFA, in an attempt to overcome language difficulties that often arise in cases of dispute on the field.

Sir Stanley, who is also president of the Fairs Cup committee, will propose the idea at the annual congress of the Fairs Cup in the summer.

Every referee in charge of a Fairs Cup tie will, if the proposal is adopted, carry a yellow disc in one pocket and a red disc in the other.

If he intends to caution a player he will produce the yellow disc

# DISCS HAVE VITAL PART TO PLAY...

as a warning. If a player is to be sent off the referee will produce the red disc.

The player concerned may still feel like arguing, but there will be no doubt. He will have got the message. Footballers aren't usually colour blind—even those who are masters of the art of gamesmanship.

Too often incidents flare up in European competition because of misunderstandings. A player sometimes misinterprets the referee's intentions, thinks he is being dismissed and reacts accordingly even though the official concerned merely wants to take his name.

Occasionally a player cannot believe that he is being sent off and questions everybody who speaks his language with the result that other players are likely to become involved. The confusion can lead to chaos.

The Rous plan would not end controversy but it would leave no doubt about the referee's intentions.

*A prototype of the plan has been tested in an amateur competition in Mexico—NOT in the Olympic Games as anyone who saw the final between Hungary and Bulgaria and the four dismissals involved would know already.*

I gather it was successful and that it is likely to be in operation in the Fairs Cup next season if the delegates approve.

says DEREK WALLIS

Leeds United, the Fairs Cup holders, intend to back it at the annual congress. "I think it is a brilliant idea," said manager Don Revie.

"There would be no doubt in a player's mind even if he and the referee can't speak a word of each other's language.

"I would go further, too, and say it might not be a bad idea to use it in our own League."

Whether UEFA will adopt it for the Champions Cup and the Cup Winners Cup remains to be seen but obviously they will use it if it overcomes the language barrier that too often inflames disputes.

UEFA are anxious to clean up European football. This season they have used their powers of suspension more widely. One match suspensions used to be the general rule. Now players are being banned for two or three matches.

Suspensions from European competition for a complete season may not be long delayed.

Neutral observers may be given wider powers. At the moment they sit in silence at matches unable to take any action other than to report the details should there be unsavoury incidents.

Some clubs would be prepared to open their dressing-rooms to observers before matches so that players would be left in no doubt about the consequences of misbehaviour. I believe this may be a point that will be written into the rules eventually.

## PROMISES

European competition has progressed so rapidly and promises so much that club officials and players must not be allowed to threaten the future and possibly jeopardise the competitions by utter disregard for the rules.

These are set out perfectly clearly and concisely and yet amazement is still occasionally expressed by club officials who haven't bothered to study them closely and wonder why UEFA or the Fairs Cup organisers have taken a certain decision.

**Every official and player involved in European competition should have a copy of the rules and be required to read and digest them so that surprise born of ignorance is never expressed again.**

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## From SOUTH AFRICA . . . EDWARD SHALALA

# LORD TO RUN CAPE TOWN

**FORMER Plymouth Argyle centre-forward and coach Frank Lord, 31, is Cape Town City's new manager-coach. He accepted the position after a three-hour discussion with Mr. Ian Taylor (president) and members of the amateur Western Province Football Association, sponsors of the professional club.**

Lord was recommended by Mr. Alan Wade, director of English FA Coaching, who made a lecture-coaching tour two seasons ago. He was on Wade's coaching staff.

Lord replaces Reg Smith, who resigned after talks with the City management committee ,and was formerly with Dundee, Falkirk and Addington in South Africa.

Lord was on a fairly long short list and was one of four British applicants. The choice in the end narrowed down to Frank Lord and Alex Forbes, the former Arsenal player, who was coach of Highlands Park last season.

Favourite for the job was Roy Bailey, the former Ipswich Town goalkeeper, but he turned down the offer of the position. Bailey has his hands full as national coach of the Football Association of Southern Africa.

Lord has a large staff of professionals and amateurs and will not move into the UK market for players until he has assessed the talent available.

Goalkeepers are Vic Lovell (South Africa) and Jackie Wren (Hibernian and Berwick Rangers). Defenders include Scotsmen Bobby McKay and John Livingstone, and Alex Cameron, Israeli Leon Cubic and Irishman Billy Moore.

Half-backs are Phil Green (Altrincham), Len Kaye (Ballymena), Richard Allen (South Africa), and Ken Scott (Falkirk).

The forward line will come from Andy Milne (Hearts), Kevin Lewis, Billy O'Grady, Hylton Granger (Rhodesia), Jim Morrison and Don McKenzie.

Crowd attendances for Cape Town City were up last year and increased by 31,167 to 305,800 against 274,633 for the previous season.

It was the third time in seven seasons since Cape Town City was formed that the aggregate attendance at Hartleyvale, the City home ground, topped the 300,000 mark.

The highest aggregate was in 368,018 in 1966. The average of 15,073 was gratifying and as the league has been increased this season City officials are hoping that the attendance figures top the 400,000 mark.

City's closest rivals are Hellenic, the only other First Division side in Cape Town. Hellenic are managed by Englishman Harry Game, who has had managerial experience in the Middle East, Greece and Belgium.

With a boom in the sale of season tickets, three times greater than at any time in their history, Hellenic have gone ahead and negotiated for new players overseas to build up the strength of the club. Wally Gould (Brighton) was their first big signing for the new season.

Peter Goy (Huddersfield) and Englishmen Peter Martin and Tony Lupton are the goalkeepers. From Israel have come Asrael Arnaldes, Romano and "Dangerous Dan" Danielli. Greece has provided Gregory Kitides and Nick Sevastopolous.

**Two Portuguese brothers are Helios and Lionel Dos Santos and a German Kurt Fulheimer. Lone South African is full-back Melvyn Teubes.**

From Scotland have come Ian Thomson and John Martis (*pictured left*) (both from Motherwell), Hutton Little, Denis Cunningham, Andy Rogers (Berwick Rangers), Andy Stevenson and last but not least, their popular captain, Hugh "Twiggy" Maxwell, formerly with Falkirk.

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dad, mentioned last month, all four goals coming from the Trinidad striker named (believe it or not) Archibald. Haiti still needed only a draw with Guatemala in Guatemala City to qualify, but they refused to play when the designated referee, Jamaica's Jose Adolfo Chaplin, failed to arrive. Guatemala got hold of El Salvador's Ramon Marmol at short notice, and a capacity 20,000 crowd was actually in the stadium when Haiti refused to take the field.

El Salvador are definitely through to the other semi-final, having beaten their only serious rivals, the Dutch Antilles, home and away.

Their opponents are not Costa Rica but, surprisingly, Honduras. Both countries beat Jamaica twice—Jamaica elected to play all their matches away for financial reasons—before Honduras won 1-0 against Costa Rica in Tegucigalpa. Costa Rica were confidently expected to redress the balance at San Jose the following week, but the pattern of the game took a sudden turn when Honduras were awarded a penalty-kick for handball in the 25th minute. Rosales scored from the spot, and although Chavarria equalised five minutes before half-time, Costa Rica never regained the initiative.

In Africa Tunisia, Sudan and Nigeria have joined Ghana in the second qualifying round. Tunisia went through at the expense of Algeria, who included seven professionals now playing in France, but lacked understanding and resolution.

There was also, incidentally, an African cup-tie, in which Zambia beat Mauritius 3-2, 5-4 on aggregate. The winning goal came in the last minute of injury time. And the roughest match of the month was not, strictly speaking, a full international. A Brazilian selection beat almost the best Bulgarian side 1-0 at Curitiba, Parana, after two Bulgarians and one Brazilian had been sent off the field.

# LESS SUCCESS, LOWER ATTENDANCES?

## 'No' says GORDON JEFFERY

**IT was a cold Saturday in the middle of December with just one more Saturday before the Christmas holiday. An afternoon when, as Ronald Atkin phrased it in the "Observer's" Football Round-Up the following day, "winter took its first long bleak look at football yesterday. Two games were called off, another abandoned at half-time, and many others were completed in conditions varying from hazardous to ridiculous."**

It was not then altogether surprising that the total Football League attendances (549,327) showed a drop of 65,371 compared with the corresponding period last season — Middlesbrough's postponed match against Sheffield United would have cut away at least one-third of the deficit. Yet, allowing for the weather, allowing for the proximity of Christmas, these were the attendances at the completed *Fourth* Division matches:

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| Bradford City v. Aldershot | 5,026 |
| Brentford v. Swansea | 4,320 |
| Chester v. Bradford | 3,045 |
| Chesterfield v. Grimsby T. | 5,500 |
| Colchester v. Newport Co. | 3,532 |
| Doncaster R. v. Wrexham | 6,950 |
| Exeter C. v. Southend U. | 12,714 |
| Port Vale v. Notts Co. | 4,169 |
| York City v. Lincoln City | 2,430 |

### Tickets

Let me admit that there is a special reason for that otherwise unbelievable Exeter attendance—it was not Southend who drew the crowds to the ground of a club who were, at the time, lying 87th in the Football League (and persuaded some of the fans to start queueing at 5.30 a.m. — three hours before daylight!), but the chance of getting tickets for Exeter's Third Round cup-tie against Manchester United! Even so it was football, and the thought of football, that brought 12,714 spectators to St. James' Park, Exeter, on an afternoon when the weather was unkind and non-football business was pressing. And overall those Fourth Division attendances (that, I suspect, most of us cast an eye over and then forget or take for granted) might be compared with those of the French *First* Division on the previous Sunday:

| | |
|---|---|
| Rennes v. St. Etienne | 14,468 |
| Bordeaux v. Sochaux | 9,845 |
| Nimes v. Rouen | 4,523 |
| Strasbourg v. Nice | 2,151 |
| Lyon v. Marseilles | 12,214 |
| Red Star v. Ajaccio | 8,913 |
| Monaco v. Sedan | 505 |
| Metz v. Nantes | 6,271 |

Only the visit of the champions and current league leaders, St. Etienne, to Rennes attracted a larger attendance than Exeter's, and the average First Division in large towns in France was only a couple of thousand more than the average Football League Fourth Division attendance. France are, of course, in the worst position of the countries of the West with a professional football structure in that their clubs are far apart, and for a very large proportion of the French population there is no First Division club within a hundred or more miles.

On the other hand, although the closer-knit (particularly in Lancashire and London) pattern of the clubs in the Football League's First Division means that they have a much more populated catchment area, this acts against English clubs in the lower divisions who have to positively compete for spectators against the big clubs. (There were a couple of exceptions to this in the particular Fourth Division matches that, more or less at random, I have been mentioning, with Exeter and Colchester outside of football club congested areas.)

### Suspended

A week earlier winter had swept over Hungary—with two matches still to be played in a national championship that had been suspended whilst the national "amateur" squad was busy retaining their Olympics football title in Mexico. The near ending of the season did mean that only a small number of Hungarian clubs, and their fans, had much real interest in the matches—only Ferencvaros and Ujpest were "live" candidates for the championship (it went to Ferencvaros incidentally) and Szeged were fore-doomed to bottom place. Even so it was significant that only 4,000 were in the Nepstadion to see the match between Ferencvaros and Szeged when defeat of FTC would have meant that they dropped one point behind Ujpest with a match to play.

Can you imagine *any* circumstances in which any English First Division club battling for the championship had an attendance at a home match of only 4,000? Indeed, as I have indicated, Fourth Division clubs with little hope even of promotion get more than that whilst one got three times as much in anticipation of a ticket for a cup tie!

**I am making these comparisons—and several others could be made—not only to emphasise the tremendous depth of support for professional football in England but to suggest that the English style of play reflects the different feeling about football in the country compared with that of many other countries.**

On a cold December Saturday, Denis Law heads Manchester United's winning goal against Liverpool at Old Trafford. (Prov, 1.)

It is true that fans, but even more, many club directors, hope for successes and when they do not come the fans may demonstrate whilst directors are prone to "sack the manager" as in the latest spate of expected (in some


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cases) and absurd (in others) dismissals that are most often put out to be "resignations". On the whole, however, I think that the natural desire of everyone caring about a club for it to be successful in the sense of winning the championship or the cup does get over-stated. After all, if the bland assertion one often reads that "fans only care about success" was true, there would be much more fluctuation in attendances per club season by season, much more variation between the top and bottom clubs' attendances, than there is in fact.

As I write, for example, Liverpool are leading the First Division table, yet their average attendance (according to the excellent tables presented in the *Daily Mail*) is 2,000 down on that of the same period last season. Leeds, in second place, show a 2,000 increase but Everton, third in the table, are 2,000 down — like their Liverpool neighbours. Manchester City's drop of over 1,000 suggests some base ingratitude on the part of some who cheered them last season to the Football League Championship (than which no club can be more successful!) and cannot be glossed over by the explanation of City's poorish start of the present season.

## Average

Or, if that is the explanation, then how can one explain the increase in Coventry's attendance average when, as I write, they are saved from the wooden spoon only by unhappy QPR? Or what, to peep into the Second Division, explains Birmingham's drop of only 500 when this time last year they were chasing towards promotion, and all this season they have been struggling in the exceptionally competitive Second Division to get more than six places off the bottom?

In the same division Carlisle's wretched start to the season did send attendances down but for more than half of the period they have been enjoying a run of success, under Bob Stokoe's managership, as meritorious as any club in the entire Football League — 13 matches without defeat following ten without a win! One might have expected the impetus of those 13 matches to have more than caught up with lost attendances at the beginning of the season but Carlisle's average is nearly 2,000 down on last season's similar half-way stage. (And that is 2,000 on about 10,000—a much more serious decline than Liverpool and Everton's drops of 2,000 on about 50,000!)

Portsmouth were another Second Division club who gave hope to their fans last season of a long overdue return to the senior division and the fans remembered this at the beginning of this season as the attendances per comparable match held, and sometimes improved, on last season. Then a bad run of indifferent results—particularly at home—brought some loss of hope and Pompey's average is down by more than 1,000.

## Stability

A clear case of less success, lower attendances? Then what of their Hampshire neighbours, Southampton, who have been showing clear signs this season of stability in the First Division —not yet, not quite, top half of the table consistency but with less concern about possible relegation than they showed last season and the season before that.

Yet their average is down by nearly 2,000 and indeed over the first half of the season the difference in the average attendances of Southampton and Portsmouth is only a shade more than 1,000 yet, with virtually the same spectator-potential, Southampton's First Division fare for spectators is Manchester United, Liverpool, West Ham United and Tottenham whilst Pompey offer Bristol City, Bury, Millwall and Crystal Palace.

## Genuine

**Crystal Palace? Throughout the first half of this season they have never been out of reach of the promotion places—the dream of First Division football coming to Selhurst Park as it came to Brisbane Road (Orient) and Loftus Road (QPR), not an impossible one for Palace fans. Yet there has been an average decline of over 6,000 per match. . . .**

It is not, in my view, only successful results that hold the attendances. What the fans (the genuine supporters of a particular club, not those who change allegiance as they follow currently successful or fashionable clubs whether on the basis of seeking after "pure" football or because the bigger the crowd the bigger the nuisances they can make of themselves to other people) want is to feel that their club are *seeking after success*; that, with the forces at their disposal, they are doing their best.

This distinction arises from the extent to which fans become involved with their club off the field—and on the pitch during a match. There has been since the 1966 World Cup a tremendous advance in appreciation of the tactics of football, but still the most revealing indication of his club's intentions to the average spectator fan is when he, watching from the terraces, sees *his* players decline to chase a pass, to challenge for the ball, or fling themselves to head a hard low cross, in circumstances when he feels that he, the involved fan, would have chased, challenged or headed.

## Appreciation

This may be basic, elementary football but it explains, for me, the English appreciation of what we now call a high work-rate and of guts. This assessment may be unfair to the talented but temperamental player (when temperamental is a euphemism for idle and selfish?) and it certainly does often lose sight of the value to a team's success in a match of a player who seems to have made little impact—when, in truth, his lack of direct involvement with the play around the ball was part of a deliberate plan to confound the opposition.

Basically, however—and helped now by the increased understanding by perhaps a majority of fans, particularly younger ones who had some football coaching when at school, of tactics—the yardstick of measuring whether a team is really trying, will keep the turnstiles clicking even if results are not regularly favourable. This is why we do see as many spectators in our lower divisions as many a country would welcome regularly in their senior divisions — the genuine fan is satisfied if he leaves the ground after a match knowing that his lads all did their best.

But it takes time, a long, long time to regain the confidence of supporters once it has been squandered or betrayed—a truth appreciated, I was reminded recently listening to *Sports Report*, by Jimmy Scoular. Scoular's Cardiff City are climbing the table and must now be very real candidates for promotion to the First Division—and Jimmy Scoular's work is being noticed with paras in the papers and his *Sports Report* interview.

The BBC picked the right Saturday—Cardiff had a good win over Millwall and their largest league attendance for about five years (again anticipation of an attractive cup draw—against Arsenal — helped perhaps). The increased attendances were mentioned to Scoular; he was appreciative but acknowledged that Cardiff fans had not had a lot to enthuse about for many years.

**Steadily they are returning—and my guess is that they will feel in the atmosphere around Ninian Park a sense that the club mean business. It is that sense of purpose as much as the results themselves that will make returned casual spectators regular supporters.**

On the same Saturday, Manchester City goalkeeper Harry Dowd keeps his hands warm during a spell of inactivity at Tottenham. (A)

# ROUND THE WORLD STORIES

Action from Eintracht Frankfurt's Inter Cities Fairs Cup match against Juventus—left to right Wirth of Eintracht and colleague Bellut can only watch as Zigoni heads for goal. (UPI)

## YUGOSLAVIA

ALWAYS one of the most attractive teams to watch, Dynamo Zagreb have been kept out of the championship honours for several seasons by the big clubs of Belgrade, Vojvodina and Sarajevo. Having rebuilt their team since the exodus of 1965, Dynamo have returned to power with a vengeance, yet despite many fine performances have still convinced the leading critics that they are championship material. Five points clear of the field, their closest challengers are double-holders Red Star, with Sarajevo, Hajduk (Split) and Vojvodina close behind.

In the New Year, Dynamo will visit South America before the resumption of the league programme in March, which begins with away matches against Vojvodina and Red Star. Key man behind the determined bid being made by Dynamo is coach Ivica Horvath, former international centre-half (more than 50 caps), who spent several seasons in Germany with Eintracht Frankfurt.

Plagued by ever rising costs, several clubs are in serious financial difficulties and the FA is being pressed to forgo its share of league match receipts. At present the FA takes 9 per cent of the gross gate and 5 per cent is being suggested. The FA share of several gates recently has been negligible, in particular the recent Partizan-Olimpia match (850); Vojvodina-Velez (780) and a mere 560 who paid to see the Vardar-Maribor match at Skoplje. Sarajevo FK, champions two years ago, are experimenting with free admission for ladies in the hope that this will bring in the men. Practically every club is affected by the crisis but the position of lowly clubs, Proleter (bottom) and their companions in distress, Rijeka, is desperate. Rijeka, with coach Vladimir Beara, have been struggling against relegation for two years and seem unlikely to survive this time.

After the 0-0 draw against Spain in Belgrade, national coach Rajko Mitic is still optimistic about qualifying for the World Cup. At the end of the autumn campaign the Yugoslavs visited South America to draw 3-3 with Brazil and 1-1 against Argentina and lost by the odd goal against a representative XI from Belo Horizonte.

## WEST GERMANY

ATTENDANCES in the first half of the Bundesliga campaign have dropped again, even compared with the disastrous figures set up last season. Hannover 96, who sustained a net loss of more than £30,000 last season, have improved their gates by an average of 1,500 per game, and Eintracht Frankfurt, who had a bad time in the results sense last season, have improved their figures by nearly 50 per cent. A year ago FC Nurnberg were seven points clear at the top of the table with attendances of more than 40,000 average. Their figure has slipped to 20,000 and, with the club hovering just one point above the relegation candidates, the public is growing restive and demanding that yesterday's hero, Max Merkel, be dismissed.

Newly promoted Hertha BSC occupy a place in the top half of the table and as expected are being well supported. Their 43,000 average gate thus far compares very favourably with league leaders Bayern Munchen's 30,000 average. Bayern are currently the second best supported club but Hertha, playing in the giant Olympic Bowl in Berlin, where the public has been starved of top-class football for several seasons, are cashing in.

The match between Hannover 96 and Bayern Munchen brought Bayern their second defeat of the campaign and a prestige boosting success against his old club for Hannover's Yugoslav coach, Zlatko Cajkowski. The match was marred by over-tough tackling and Gerd Muller, Bayern's 20-goal centre-forward, was sent off for retaliating. On the same day Werder Bremen's Horst Hottges was dismissed—the sixth and seventh Bundesliga players to be sent off this season—and both were suspended for two months. Both players were withdrawn from the 18-man squad preparing to leave for South America a few days later—a blow to DFB coach, Helmut Schon—but the suspension of their leading scorer represents a severe blow to Bayern's championship hopes.

The pre-Christmas tour was only a qualified success. After drawing 2-2 with Brazil the Germans lost 2-1 to Chile and ended the tour with a goalless draw against Mexico. The most remarkable point of the tour was reached in Santiago, where Gunter Netzer was sent off. Netzer had fouled Araya and was then punched by Reynoso and the Chilean referee settled the dispute by dismissing Netzer!

## HUNGARY

AFTER one of the most exciting championships on record Ferencvaros finally took the title by one point from Ujpest Dozsa, with three other Budapest clubs occupying the other top places. Vasas virtually settled the result in their two derby matches with the leading contenders, losing 3-2 to Ferencvaros but holding Ujpest to a 1-1 draw. In the first half of the campaign Ferencvaros were unconvincing at home and dropped several critical points, but a fine unbeaten run in the autumn, which brought 14 wins in 16 matches, gave the Albert club the title for the 21st time in 66 seasons. Surprisingly, FTC's final tally showed they recorded more victories (11) away from home than they did at the Nep Stadion (10) in Budapest, which is now their second home.

Ujpest Dozsa, coached by former national team boss, Lajos Baroti, took most of the headlines largely through their goalscoring forwards, Dunai II, Bene and Fazekas, who between them hit no fewer than 72 goals. Ujpest's full total was a remarkable 102 in 30 matches, with Antal Dunai taking the individual scorers' crown with 31. Ferenc Bene, previously the leading scorer in several seasons, was second with 22, while Albert (Ferencvaros), Farkas (Vasas) and Arpad Fazekas (Ujpest) each scored 19.

Former MTK boss, Nandor Hidegkuti, ousted by fans of Marton Bukovi and persuaded out of retirement to rescue his old club, is now with the Budapest Division II club Spartacus. Although MTK finished four points clear of the relegated pair, Videoton and Szeged, they were unable to win even one game away from home.

Another well-known coach dissatisfied with the performances of his players is Ferenc Szusza, who resigned his job with Vasas Gyor at the end of the season. The campaign also marked what is almost certainly the end of the career of Gustav Szebes, manager of the great Hungarian national side during the early '50s. In semi-retirement and living at Tatabanya, Szebes was called in to rescue Tatabanya from relegation a year ago and stayed on to be sacked during the season just ended.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REIGNING champions Spartak Trnava still lead the way at the half-way mark in the championship race. Four points clear of the field, they have been helped considerably by their rivals' inconsistencies. Slovan Bratislava and Banik Ostravav were the main challengers during the autumn but they were joined by a revitalised Dukla Prague and all three clubs now lie four points behind Trnava.

Dukla have zoomed up the table after an indifferent start, thanks very largely to the goalscoring feats of their two strikers Strunc and Hudec. While Dukla's past achievements have hinged very largely on a watertight defence it is now their attack which is pushing the army team up amongst the leaders. A 9-0 win over Pardubice (Strunc five) was followed by a 3-0 win over Banska Bystrica (another Army club from Slovakia) in which Hudec hit all three. Hudec tops the Division I scorers' list with ten goals, Strunc has eight and Adolf Scherer (Kosice) six. Adamec, Trnava's top goal-getter in the last two seasons, is well down the list with only four!

A veteran of the 1962 World Cup campaign in which Czechoslovakia reached the final, Adolf Scherer recently moved to France, where he has joined Nimes. Other well-known players to sign for foreign clubs are Jan Popluhar (another Chile veteran of Slovan Bratislava) who is with Lyon; Ivan Mraz (Sparta Prague to Maastricht); and Slavia's international right-back Jan Lala, who played with Scherer and Popluhar in Chile. Lala's move to Lausanne came as a surprise, for Slavia are once more in serious relegation trouble.

One of Slavia's few successes this season came against championship challengers Banik Ostrava, whom Slavia beat 2-0. That day, Slavia's Jiri Hildebrandt celebrated his 1,000th game for the club, but bottom of the table and with only one goal to their credit away from home, the club needs a miracle.

Ivo Viktor (Dukla 'keeper) is the new Footballer of the Year, followed in the poll by the Spartak Trnava pair, Ladislav Kuna and Josef Adamec. Jan Geleta, the 1967 award winner, experienced a difficult year, playing well below his best and finally being dropped from the national team.

## BELGIUM

RAYMOND Goethals, former trainer of the national team, promoted temporarily to fill the breach left by Constant Van den Stock, has taken his team within touching distance of a place in the Mexico World Cup final stages. After beating Yugoslavia in Brussels and drawing 1-1 away to Spain, the Belgians' big test will now be the visit to Belgrade. Although experiencing their most successful campaign for many years, the Belgian FA are still unhappy about the match in Madrid and have complained officially both to FIFA and the Portuguese FA, who are deemed responsible for the conduct of the referee who officiated in Madrid, Senhor Garcia. Leading from the second minute, the Belgians conceded a late goal scored by Garate (Atletico Madrid), whom Belgian players insist was offside and also controlled the ball with his hand before scoring. Belgian captain, Pierre Hanon, protested to the referee, who called on the police to take Hanon away.

In the championship race, SC Charleroi have failed to maintain their early season rhythm. Leading Anderlecht 1-0 at the interval (in Brussels) Charleroi coach, George Sobotka, was severely criticised for bringing on an extra centre-back as substitute for his right-winger. Playing defensively, Charleroi went from one up to 1-3 down and now share second place with Anderlecht and FC Bruges, who are all one point behind Standard-Liege.

Andras Beres, Hungarian-born former coach of Anderlecht, is back in the game with the Brussels club Daring. His old club recently engaged Rumanian-born Norberto Hoffling a few days before the European Cup matches with Manchester United. Beres was in Antwerp, where he had opened a new restaurant, when he received the S O S from bottom of the table Daring. Earlier Daring had offered the job to RFC Liege coach, Louis Dupal, struggling against relegation with the help (?) of a technical committee. Dupal asked Liege for his freedom, then Daring engaged Beres and Liege gave Dupal his wish!

Foreign-born players are still dominating the Belgian game. First Division clubs currently employ no fewer than 51 imported players, amongst whom Yugoslavs (11) and Dutch (nine) are the most popular. The total also includes one player from Brazil, one from Surinam and one who is technically stateless!

## PORTUGAL

SCORER of 42 league goals in last season's 26-match championship, Eusebio is currently going through an unhappy period. Sent off against Vitoria Setubal (for the third time in his career), Eusebio has been dropped by his club and castigated by the critics following Portugal's 4-2 defeat in their World Cup match against Greece.

Omitted from the team which beat Tomar 4-0 in Lisbon, Eusebio sat on the reserves' bench watching Torres grab a hat-trick, but after the 1-0 defeat away to Porto FC, the Lisbon club occupies second place, one point behind Porto, with Guimaraes third. Following Eusebio's apparent abdication, Pinto (Porto) leads the scorers' list with 11 goals from 13 games, and Torres (Benfica) is second with ten. Tito, from bottom of the table Atletico Lisboa, is third with eight. Sporting Lisbon have fared even more disastrously than their neighbours and in mid-table have dismissed their coach, Fernando Caiado. Temporary replacement for him is former Sporting Youth coach, Mario Lino.

Following their much improved showing in recent years, directors of Academica (Coimbra) expected to make a serious bid for the championship this season and, disappointed at their failure to do so, have sacked their *prestigioso* coach, Mario Wilson. A former Academica player, Wilson retired in 1958 to become coach and his ten-year reign made him the longest surviving coach in the First Division.

Benfica have recently introduced several young players—all destined for stardom according to the fans. Eighteen-year-old centre-half Humberto won a regular place and earned his first cap, and the two new signings from Mozambique—Messias (20 years old) and Antoninho (18) are soon expected to rival Eusebio. Meanwhile Otto Gloria has plenty of problems in his dual role as coach of Benfica and the national team. A good offer would no doubt tempt him.

# WORLD CUP

### GROUP ONE

Switzerland 1, Greece 0
Portugal 3, Rumania 0
Rumania 2, Switzerland 0
Greece 4, Portugal 2

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greece | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Portugal | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Rumania | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Switzerland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

### GROUP TWO

Denmark 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 1, Denmark 0

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Czechs | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Eire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hungary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denmark | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

### GROUP THREE

Wales 0, Italy 1

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Italy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| E Germany | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wales | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

### GROUP FOUR

Northern Ireland 4, Turkey 1
Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 3

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N Ireland | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| USSR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turkey | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 |

### GROUP FIVE

Sweden 5, Norway 0
France 0, Norway 1

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sweden | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| Norway | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| France | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

### GROUP SIX

Finland 1, Belgium 2
Yugoslavia 9, Finland 1
Belgium 6, Finland 1
Belgium 3, Yugoslavia 0
Yugoslavia 0, Spain 0
Spain 1, Belgium 1

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belgium | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 7 |
| Yugoslavia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| Spain | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Finland | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 0 |

### GROUP SEVEN

Austria 7, Cyprus 1
Austria 0, West Germany 2
Cyprus 0, West Germany 1
Scotland 2, Austria 1
Cyprus 0, Scotland 5

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W Germany | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Scotland | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| Austria | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Cyprus | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 0 |

Portugal goalkeeper America saves from a Greek forward during their World Cup qualifying match in Athens. Greece won 4–2. (UPI)

### GROUP EIGHT

Holland 2, Luxembourg 0
Bulgaria 2, Holland 0

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bulgaria | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Holland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Luxembourg | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

No matches yet played in the South American Groups (Ten, Eleven, Twelve)

### GROUP THIRTEEN (A)

Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0
Jamaica 1, Costa Rica 3
Honduras 3, Jamaica 1
Jamaica 0, Honduras 2
Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Honduras** | **4** | **3** | **0** | **7** | **2** | **7** |
| Costa Rica | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| Jamaica | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 0 |

### GROUP THIRTEEN (B)

Guatemala 4, Trinidad 0
Trinidad 0, Guatemala 0
Trinidad 0, Haiti 4
Haiti 2, Trinidad 4
Haiti 2, Guatemala 0

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Haiti | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Guatemala | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Trinidad | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 3 |

### GROUP THIRTEEN (C)

Surinam 6, Neth. Antilles 0
El Salvador 6, Surinam 0
Neth. Antilles 2, Surinam 0
El Salvador 1, Neth. Antilles 0
Neth. Antilles 1, El Salvador 2
Surinam 4, El Salvador 1

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **El Salvador** | **4** | **3** | **1** | **10** | **5** | **6** |
| Surinam | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 4 |
| N. Antilles | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 2 |

### GROUP THIRTEEN (D)

Canada 4, Bermuda 0
Canada 4, USA 2
Bermuda 0, Canada 0
USA 1, Canada 0
USA 6, Bermuda 2
Bermuda 0, USA 2

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **USA** | **4** | **3** | **1** | **11** | **6** | **6** |
| Canada | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| Bermuda | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 1 |

No matches yet played in Group Fifteen

### GROUP SIXTEEN (A)

Algeria 1, Tunisia 2
Tunisia 0, Algeria 0

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tunisia** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **2** |
| Algeria | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

### GROUP SIXTEEN (B)

Morocco 1, Senegal 0

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Morocco | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Sénegal | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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## GROUP SIXTEEN (D)

Zambia 4, Sudan 2
Sudan 4, Zambia 2

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zambia ..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| Sudan ..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 2 |

(A play-off match is necessary)

## GROUP SIXTEEN (E)

Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1
Cameroons 2, Nigeria 3

| | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nigeria ..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Cameroons .. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

(No matches yet played in sections C and F)

### OCTOBER 12

**Switzerland (1) 1 (Quentin)**
**Greece (0) 0** 38,000

**Switzerland:** Grob; Ramseier, Stierli (P.); Odermatt, Michaud (Guggisberg), Tacchella; Vuilleumier, Durr, Kunzli, Kuhn, Quentin.

**Greece:** Ikonomopoulos; Kamaras, Gaitatzis; Karafeskos, Ballopoulos, Zanderoglou; Chaitas, Papaionannou, Sideris, Domazos, Dedes (Youdsos).

### OCTOBER 16

**Denmark (0) 0** 12,000
**Scotland (0) 1 (Lennox)**

**Denmark:** Engedahl; Larsen, Yde; Sorensen, Jensen (M.), Enemark; Mortensen, Steffensen, Jensen (B.), Wiberg, Le Fevre.

**Scotland:** Herriott; Gemmell, McCreadie; Bremner, McKinnon, Greig; McLean (T.), McCalliog (Cormack), Stein, Hope, Lennox.

### OCTOBER 30

**Poland (0) 1 (Lubanski)** 35,000
**Eire (0) 0**

**Poland:** Kostka; Rudnow, Winkler; Musial, Florenski, Blaut; Zmijewski, Wilczek, Lubanski, Sadek, Gadocha.

**Eire:** Kelly (Smyth); Carroll, Dunne; Fullam, Hurley, Dempsey; O'Neill, Hale, Treacy, Dunphy, Rogers.

### NOVEMBER 19

**Santos (Brazil) (1) 2 (Pele, Edu)**
**Racing Club (Argentina) (0) 1 (Salomone)**

**Santos:** Claudio; Carlos Alberto, Rildo; Clodoaldo, Ramos Delgado, Marcal; Edu (Manuel Maria), Negreiros, Toninho, Pele, Abel.

**Racing:** Cejas; Chabay, Diaz; Cominelli (Mori), Perfumo, Basile; Maschio (Wolff), Chaldu, Cardenas, Rulli, Salomone.

### NOVEMBER 21

**Santos (0) 1 (Clodoaldo)**
**Penarol (0) 0**

**Santos:** Claudio; Carlos Alberto, Rildo; Clodoaldo, Ramos Delgado, Marcal; Edu, Negreiros (Lima), Toninho, Pele, Abel.

**Penarol:** Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Caetano; Goncalves, Figueroa, Varela; Abeddie (Gonzalez), Polo Carrera, Spencer, Rocha, Joya.

### NOVEMBER 27

**Argentina (2) 4 (Veglio, Fischer 2, Minnitti)**
**Chile (0) 0**

**Argentina:** Andrada; Gallo (Minnitti), Malbernat; Rulli, Perfumo, Madero; Salomone (Silva), Basile, Veglio, Aguirre, Fischer.

**Chile:** Juan Olivares; Berly, Rodriguez; Reinoso, Angulo, Cruz; Ramirez, Valdes (Cuevas), Lara, Castro (Adolfo Olivares), Fouilloux.

A jubilant Billy Bremner turns away after team-mate Colin Stein (right) had netted Scotland's fourth goal against Cyprus. Scotland eventually won 5–0. (UPI)

### DECEMBER 4

**Chile (0) 2 (Fouilloux, Adolfo Olivares)**
**Argentina (1) 1 (Rendo)**

**Chile:** Juan Olivares (Vallejo); Berly (Gallardo), Herrera; Reinoso, Angulo, Cruz; Araya, Valdez (Torres), Lara, Castro (Adolfo Olivares), Fouilloux.

**Argentina:** Andrada; Malbernat, Ovide; Rulli, Perfumo, Madero; Salomone, Rendo (Savoy), Veglio (Yazalde), Aguirre, Fischer.

### DECEMBER 6

**Millionarios FC (Colombia) (0) 3 (Carotti, Garcia, Lozano)**
**Poland (1) 1 (Gadocha)**

**Millionarios:** Quintana; Lozano, Hernandez; Garcia, Castano, Gaviria; Carotti, Ferranz, Gustich, Lezcano, Guillio.

**Poland:** Kostka; Leszczynski, Winkler; Klimsky, Sdadkowsky, Blaut; Zmijewski, Wilczek, Sadek, Dejna, Gadocha.

### DECEMBER 11

**Greece (2) 4 (Sideris 2, Torres o.g., Dedes)** 45,000
**Portugal (1) 2 (Eusebio, Augusto)**

**Greece:** Ikonomopoulos; Kamaras, Gaitatzis; Karafeskos, Ballopoulos, Chaliabalias; Botinos (Dedes), Papaionannou, Sideris, Domazos, Koudas.

**Portugal:** Americo; Jacinto, Hilario; Rolando, Armando (Raul), Jose Carlos; Jose Augusto (Joao), Eusebio, Torres, Coluna, Simoes.

**Spain (0) 1 (Garate)**
**Belgium (1) 1 (Devrindt)**

**Spain:** Sadurni; Torres, Eladio; Pirri, Tonono (Gallego), Zabalza; Claramunt, Amancio, Garate, German (Marcial), Groso.

**Belgium:** Trappeniers; Jeck, Thissen; Van Moer, Hanon, Dewalque; Semmeling, Dockx, Devrindt, Vermeyen, Polleunis.

### DECEMBER 14

**Brazil (2) 2 (Edu 2)**
**West Germany (0) 2 (Held, Gerwien)**

**Brazil:** Picasso; Carlos Alberto, Everaldo; Gerson, Jurandyr, Dias; Paulo Cesar, Rivellino, Tostao, Pele, Edu.

**West Germany:** Maier; Vogts, Patzke; Beckenbauer, Schulz, Weber; Dorfel, Netzer, Held, Overath, Volkert (Gerwien).

### DECEMBER 18

**Chile (0) 2 (Araya, Fouilloux)**
**West Germany (1) 1 (Ulsass)**

**Chile:** Juan Olivares; Rodriguez, Arias; Reinoso, Angulo, Cruz; Araya, Adolfo Olivares (Torres), Lara, Hodge, Fouilloux.

**West Germany:** Wolter; Vogts, Patzke; Beckenbauer (Bella), Schulz, Lorenz; Wimmer, Netzer, Olhauser, Ulsass (Overath), Gerwien (Dorfel).

### DECEMBER 22

**Mexico (0) 0** 40,000
**West Germany (0) 0**

**Mexico:** Mota; Yantoria, Perez; Gonzales, Pena, Nunez; Horacio, Borja, Cisneros (Moralez), Diaz, Padilla.

**West Germany:** Maier; Vogts, Patzke; Beckenbauer, Bella, Lorenz; Dorfel, Ulsass, Held, Overath (Wimmer), Gerwien (Volkert).

**AN unusually timid Swiss national side, lacking enterprise and adopting ultra-defensive tactics, slumped deservedly to a 0-2 defeat by Rumania in their World Cup qualifying tie at Bucharest. Despite the psychological advantage of a 7-1 triumph back in May, 1967 over the same opponents, Erwin Ballabio's cautious deployment resulted in failure to collect at least one point they had hoped for, while the most disappointing feature was the late realisation that the game was there for the taking but alas (!) one cannot succeed without making some effort in attack (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).**

The Bucharest adventure can best be summed up by this French proverb: "Qui ne risque rien, gagne rien." (Who risks nothing, wins nothing.) It is true that the Rumanians are very strong at home where in their last 18 games, spanning eight years they only lost once, to Italy 0-1. But it is equally true that in this match they were just moderate opponents and it seems incredible that this side managed to hold England to a goalless draw here, after having much the better of the exchanges! In the absence of their midfield general Odermatt through injury, the Swiss included an extra defender in Citherlet.

Due to live TV-coverage the crowd numbered only 30,000 but there was little for them to cheer in a goalless first half. Both sides missed chances until two identical situations produced the long awaited goals. From right wing corners in the 59th and 74th minutes, first Dumitrache then Domide outjumped the Swiss defenders to head home. The visitors claimed that Dumitrache pushed Citherlet away before getting his head to the ball but the Turkish referee Nejat Sener ignored their protests. The only touch of humour, from the Swiss point of view, was provided by their journalists being surveyed to make sure they paid for their telephone calls. Apparently the English soccer writers forgot (!) to settle their bills a couple of weeks before. The position in this group is now delicately poised for after Greece beat Portugal by 4-2, each country has now won its opening home match. Switzerland's next assignment is a friendly against Spain at Valencia on March 26, which will serve as a trial before their vital meeting with Portugal on April 16.

At the half-way stage of the championship Lausanne held a two-point lead over the rapidly improving Lugano, with Zürich, Young Boys and Basle a further point behind. The fifth round of the Cup provided two major sensations with Lausanne crashing 2-3 at Bellinzona and Zürich knocked out 0-1 at home by the holders Lugano. Swiss football is now enjoying its customary winter break until February 23 for the Cup quarter-finals, followed a week later by the resumption of the league programme. Leading scorers: Künzli (Zürich) 13; Peters (Biel) 12; Hosp (Lausanne) and Richard (Chaux-de-Fonds) 11; Müller (Young Boys) 10.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lausanne ..... | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 43 | 22 | 19 |
| Lugano ..... | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 10 | 17 |
| Zurich ..... | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 18 | 16 |
| Young Boys . | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 18 | 16 |
| Basle ..... | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 16 |
| Chaux-de-F. . | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 34 | 25 | 14 |
| Servette ..... | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 13 |
| Grasshoppers | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 24 | 12 |
| Biel ..... | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 31 | 38 | 12 |
| St. Gallen ... | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 11 |
| Bellinzona ... | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 27 | 11 |
| Winterthur ... | 13 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 26 | 10 |
| Sion ..... | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 22 | 32 | 9 |
| Lucerne ..... | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 37 | 6 |

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